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Efforts to break Gulf truce impasse

UN chief floats 3-point formula

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 5. (Agencies): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today Iraq was still demanding direct talks with Iran as a condition for a ceasefire in the Gulf war.

After meeting Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz for the first time in a week, the secretary-general said: "They maintain their position on direct talks, which I have to respect, of course."

He also disclosed he was discussing a formula that might bridge the conflicting positions between Iraq and Iran, which has refused to enter face-to-face negotiations until a truce is in effect.

Ignored

Aziz brushed past correspondents after a meeting with Perez de Cuellar that lasted just under an hour.

When asked about a report that Iraq was seeking Security

Council guarantees that Iran would comply if the Iraqis accepted a truce, Ryad Al Qaysi, a senior member of the Iraqi delegation, ignored the question as he joined colleagues in an official limousine.

Earlier, sources close to the peace talks here said Perez de Cuellar was floating a three-point compromise to break the deadlock.

Iraq insists on direct talks before any ceasefire. Iran says a ceasefire must come first, with the possibility of face-to-face negotiations later.

Assurances

The sources said Perez de Cuellar would ask both sides for assurances they are interested in implementing all parts of a year-old Security Council resolution that provides for a ceasefire and a comprehensive settlement of the eight-year-old conflict.

The secretary-general held his seventh meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati yesterday.

He also planned a private briefing for Security Council members later in the day on a

ceasefire only last month, wants only a temporary truce to regroup after recent battlefield losses.

The secretary-general was also said to be seeking assurances the two belligerents would hold direct talks on a final settlement shortly after the start of a ceasefire.

The third point in the formula would be an announcement by the secretary-general, before a ceasefire, that he had received these two assurances.

There was no confirmation of the reported compromise formula from UN spokesmen, Iran or Iraq.

Perez de Cuellar's meeting with Aziz was their fourth publicly announced session since talks began early last week.

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report he has received on the mechanics of a Gulf ceasefire.

The report was presented to him yesterday by Lieutenant General Martin Vadset of Norway, who recently led a team of UN military experts to Iran and Iraq.

Mission

Perez de Cuellar said he expected to give council members a detailed written report on Vadset's mission next Wednesday.

Asked if he would be able to set a ceasefire date early next week, he said, without elaborating: "I think that next week I will be in a position to tell you something."

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We want comprehensive peace: Sheikh Hamad



By Ahmed Al Jarallah

THE Gulf region wants peace to prevail after a long period of tension and war, the Crown Prince of Bahrain has said.

In an exclusive interview, Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa said: "We do not want a truce only, we want a comprehensive peace that will bring back the good neighbourly relations and tranquility to the whole region."

Sheikh Hamad hoped that the end of the Gulf war will lead to the end of the Middle East conflict or at least it will prepare the ground towards solving the

problem.

He also said that the superpowers want to put an end to tensions in many places in the world and the Gulf region is one of them. He quoted Western officials as saying that the Iran-Iraq war was on the verge of ending and the only question remaining to be solved is the Palestinian issue in the Middle East.

Truce

The Crown Prince said Iraq has the right to ensure Iran's intentions towards peace. "It should be known that Iraq's refusal to accept only a ceasefire is the demand of the whole

region. A comprehensive peace is a legitimate demand, Iran should positively respond to this wish as it really represents the true path towards achieving durable peace."

"Anything outside this understanding would indicate something different, and, perhaps, opposite to peace. It may mean that what is wanted (by Iran) is merely an unstable truce that can be broken or violated at any time, thus returning to the warfare, which Iraq and the rest of the states in the Gulf oppose."

Sheikh Hamad said: "We do not want to look at the end of the

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Underground leaders may declare independence

Jordan laying off Palestinian officials in West Bank

AMMAN, Aug 5. (Reuters): Jordan has agreed to discuss with the PLO its decision to sever links with the West Bank as it axed payments to nearly 20,000 civil servants and teachers in the Israeli-occupied territory.

The congressmen said negotiations with the administration on the Kuwait deal also produced for the first time written assurances barring procurement of equipment to allow the F-18s to be refuelled in flight, extending their range, and barred Kuwait from transferring any of the weapons to third countries.

Intended

The Reagan administration told Congress a month ago that it intended to sell \$1.9 billion worth of F-18 jets and missiles to Kuwait. The missiles were to include Mavericks, Sidewinders, Sparrows and Harpoons.

Kuwait said it wanted the weapons to defend itself against Iran, but critics said the jets and the missiles could be turned against Israel. The Senate voted to strip the Mavericks from the sale.

Under the compromise, said

Smith, the sale of the 40 F-18s will go ahead, but the delivery date will be delayed one year, to 1994. The original intention was to deliver the planes by 1993. Kuwait will be required to return some of its ageing US-made A-4 planes for each F-18 it receives.

The deal will only include the "G" anti-ship version of the Maverick, rather than the more sophisticated "D" Maverick. Smith said.

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Assurance

Levine said Reagan's National Security Adviser, Colin Powell, had said Kuwait accepted the conditions and the assurances were being signed by Secretary of State George Shultz.

Smith said the agreement could serve as a pattern for arms sales to other countries.

Employees of the religious affairs and judicial departments, numbering fewer than 2,000 would keep their jobs to maintain "an Islamic cultural presence in the occupied Palestinian land," Petra reported.

Officials said Amman would save \$60 million a year with the cuts to its civil service payroll and West Bank development projects.

But they said Jordan would continue to issue documents such as birth, marriage and death certificates to Palestinians in the West Bank — at least for the moment.

Jordan will not withdraw patrols from any of the West Bank's 850,000 residents unless asked to do so by the PLO, a Jordanian official said today.

"Not a single passport of those we issued to West Bankers will be withdrawn unless PLO, the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, demands that," he said.

Legal

"Of course, if anyone comes to us and says he does not want to retain his passport we'll take it back," added the official, who asked not to be identified.

He did not say if Amman would continue to issue new passports following King Hussein's decision to cut legal and administrative ties with the Israeli-occupied territory.

But he said the cabinet would study the passport issue tomorrow. "It is a complex issue that needs thorough study before we take measures to enforce the rupture in ties," he said.

The official said a special committee would be set up to tighten rules that now allow West Bank residents, many of whom have relatives in Jordan, to travel across the Jordan River bridges.

He did not say how the rules might be changed but said the bridges would stay open unless the PLO wanted them closed.

The official also said a higher committee for the occupied territories would be dissolved. The committee headed by the prime minister was set up after

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Iran attacks tanker in Gulf

DUBAI, Aug 5. (Reuters): Iran renewed attacks on Gulf shipping yesterday and Iraqi jets raided Iranian oil centres as UN efforts to end the nearly eight-year-old war remained deadlocked.

An Iranian gunboat raked the 284,502-tonne Norwegian tanker Berge Lord with machinegun fire 25 miles off Dubai, inflicting minor damage in the first such attack since Tehran accepted a Security Council ceasefire resolution on July 18.

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Iran confirmed the raids on both days, saying several workers were injured.

In the Gulf, the Norwegian captain of the 284,502-tonne tanker Berge Lord, Klausen Leif, told Reuters by ship-to-shore telephone that an Iranian gunboat fired a machinegun at his bridge when he ignored an order to halt, for inspection.

Iran denied responsibility for the raid, saying it had probably been launched by "those who are

against a stable peace in the region and are hampering implementation of UN Resolution 598."

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati said on Sunday Iran would not attack shipping during the UN mediated efforts to arrange a ceasefire in the nearly eight-year-old war.

Captain Leif said the gunboat which attacked his ship, one of six that had confronted the tanker 25 miles off Dubai, had attacked with deadly intent.

"They hit the bridge, where they knew people were standing," he said.

Surprised

No one was hurt and the ship continued on its way to Rotterdam with a load of Saudi oil.

Iran's daily war communiqué said 31 Iranian soldiers were killed or wounded in clashes along the northern war front over the past 24 hours and another Iranian was killed east of the southern city of Basra.

It made no mention of a Tehran report that Iranian fighter-bombers pounded Iraqi troops on the southern warfront three times today.

The communiqué said 10 Iranian boats tripped to approach Iraq's deep-water terminal on the Gulf, 30 km (18 miles) south of the Faw peninsula, but were forced to flee.

Yesterday's raid surprised shippers. "Many nations are

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Floods kill 158 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Aug 5. (Reuters): Floods caused by heavy monsoon rains have killed 158 people in Pakistan in three weeks, a government minister said yesterday.

Nearly 9,000 houses and more than 60,000 acres (24,000 hectares) of crops have been destroyed, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Wasim Sajad told the Senate (upper house of Parliament).

About 100,000 people have

been evacuated because of the floods and hundreds of cattle have been lost, he said.

Overflowing rivers have flooded vast areas in the provinces of Punjab and Sind, while landslides and lightning have killed about 100 people in the mountains of the North West Frontier Province.

The floods are the worst since 1973 when more than 470 people died, officials say.

Alliance against Rajiv near collapse

NEW DELHI, Aug 5. (Reuters): An opposition alliance set up less than two weeks ago to challenge Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is in danger of collapsing over the choice of a leader, politicians said yesterday.

Members of the embryonic united front have attacked as premature an announcement that Vishwanath Pratap Singh would be its head.

Singh, who quit Rajiv's cabinet last year to launch a campaign against alleged government corruption, was named SJD president on Wednesday.

The announcement came from Devi Lal, a senior member of the Lok Dal party which has united with Janata, Congress (S) and

Janata Party, one of the four members of the Samajwadi Janata Dal (SJD) alliance.

The alliance was unofficially set up on July 2. Officials said it would be formally established by Indian Independence Day on Aug 15 after legal and technical problems were resolved.

Singh, who quit Rajiv's cabinet last year to launch a campaign against alleged government corruption, was named SJD president on Wednesday.

The announcement came from Devi Lal, a senior member of the Lok Dal party which has united with Janata, Congress (S) and

been consulted in the decision. And Lal's own party chief, H.N. Bahuguna, said he had learnt of the decision from newspaper reports.

But Lal countered the criticism by saying: "Those leaders who were to be consulted, they were consulted. The reactions are natural and we knew they would come."

A spokesman for the ruling Congress (I) party said the opposition's present efforts to unite were similar to those which preceded the formation of a Janata-led coalition in the mid-1970s.

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Iran-Contra case
WASHINGTON, Aug 5. (Reuters): The judge in the Iran-Contra case today ordered the trial of former White House aide Oliver North delayed until after the November presidential election because of a dispute over secret documents demanded by North.

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INTERNATIONAL

Tighten sanctions against S. Africa: Commonwealth

TORONTO, Aug 5. (AP): The world must tighten economic sanctions against South Africa and impose heavier penalties on violators in the fight to abolish its apartheid system of racial segregation, Commonwealth foreign ministers declared.

Sanctions have had limited bite because Pretoria has found new export markets in Japan, West Germany and other countries, the special panel of eight foreign ministers was told during a two-day meeting that ended on a Wednesday.

Achievements

The ministers urged Commonwealth and other governments to implement existing sanctions fully, tighten scrutiny over their application and provide heavier penalties for circumvention.

They also urged financial institutions to halt short-term credit financing for South African trade and toughen loan and insurance procedures, called for

stricter enforcement of the UN arms embargo against Pretoria, and agreed to work on a Commonwealth programme to counter South African propaganda.

"I can't think of another Commonwealth meeting in which we've achieved so much in such a short time," said Shridath Ramphal, secretary-general of the 49-nation organisation, which groups Britain and its former colonies.

On the committee are ministers from Canada, Australia, Guyana, India, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Britain was absent because it opposes sanctions against South Africa.

The first comprehensive survey of the effect of sanctions on the South African economy, prepared by Commonwealth experts, showed that Japan, West Germany, Taiwan, Italy, Spain and Turkey dramatically increased imports from South Africa in recent years.

It said the result was that sales

by South Africa and its customs union partners of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland were down just four per cent last year in comparison with the 1983-85 average, although gold sales fell 14 per cent.

Japan expanded its imports from South Africa last year by \$748 million, compared with \$683 million, replacing the United States as South Africa's biggest customer, the study said.

In 1986, Britain provided the largest market for South African fruit, and Japan for coal and corn, while Turkey is a major purchaser of South African iron and steel. Spain has suddenly become the world's third largest customer for South African coal, buying 4,446 tons last year.

At the other end of the spectrum, nine leading countries that chose to impose trade sanctions cut their imports by \$1.2 billion between 1985 and 1987, to a low of \$2.18 billion.

The reduction represents

about seven per cent of South Africa's exports. The countries are the United States, France, Denmark, Canada, Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Finland and New Zealand.

US purchases from South Africa fell \$860 million to \$1.32 billion. American exports to South Africa rose 10 per cent last year to \$1.25 billion, but were still down 33 per cent on the 1983-85 average, the study said.

Japanese exports rose 39 per cent to \$1.88 billion, while West German sales to South Africa went up 31 per cent last year to a table-topping \$2.5 billion. British exports increased 25 per cent to \$1.55 billion.

Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark, committee chairman, said sanctions were intended to put psychological and economic pressure on the white-minority in South Africa, and the message has been received.

But he added: "They're not biting enough. There has to be a continuation of the pressure."



Mathias Rust (right) tells a newsman at Frankfurt airport he wishes to make no comments. (Reuter wirephoto)

Red Square pilot hopes his licence won't be revoked

Rust faces new troubles

BONN, Aug 5. (AP): West German Mathias Rust, just freed from a Soviet prison for his stunning flight to Moscow, hopes his pilot's licence will not be revoked because of the daredevil act, a newspaper reported today.

Rust remained in seclusion two days after the Kremlin ordered his early release from a four-year prison sentence for his dramatic Red Square landing in May 1987.

Foolish

Now that he's home he could face new troubles including criminal charges, the possible loss of his pilot's licence, and indications most of his countrymen do not approve of his daring flight.

Bild newspaper interviewed Helmut Heidemann, co-pilot of the charter jet that flew Rust from Frankfurt airport to Hanover late Wednesday night.

According to Bild,

Heidemann said he spoke with Rust in the jet's cockpit and the young German told him: "I want to fly again. I have already paid enough for my foolish act."

The mass-circulation Bild said Rust had been taken to an unidentified location between Hamburg and Hanover, where he had a private reunion with his family.

The 20-year-old Rust has said he is glad to be home.

But he is facing two separate West German investigations into his flight in which he evaded Soviet air defence radar in a single-engine airplane and landed in front of the Kremlin on May 28, 1987.

Revocation

In Hamburg, state licensing officials said they were looking into a possible revocation of Rust's pilot's licence.

"We are now investigating

whether he is trustworthy enough to be flying. That's the question," said Hamburg government spokesman Wolfgang Heidenreich.

In the northern town of Itzehoe, prosecutor Rolf Schmerkowsky said he was continuing to investigate possible criminal charges against Rust for fraud and endangering air traffic. The possible fraud charge stems from misstating his destination to the owners of the small Cessna aircraft before taking off for Moscow.

The prosecutor's jurisdiction includes the Rust's hometown of Wedel, 10 kilometres (six miles) west of Hamburg.

The plane is owned by the Hamburg Aero-Club, of which Rust is still a member.

In addition, Aero-Club wants Rust to pay an unspecified amount of maintenance costs for the airplane.

US decision to close PLO office upheld

WASHINGTON, Aug 5. (AP): A federal appeals court today upheld a State Department decision to close the PLO's information office last year on grounds that it was a front for terrorism.

A three-judge panel of the US circuit court of appeals acknowledged that the case raised questions about whether the closing had unconstitutionally infringed on the free-speech rights of the Palestine information office.

The killing came only days before a major Shiite festival which has often caused bloodshed between the two communities.

Hussaini, 42, who studied for many years in Iraq and Iran, headed the more militant of the two factions of a body representing Shites.

Police in Peshawar said they had no immediate idea of who was responsible for the assassination, but Interior Minister Nasim Ahmad Aheer said in a statement there were clear indications a foreign power was involved. He did not elaborate.

Dukakis and Bush spar over defence policy

LOS ANGELES, Aug 5. (Reuter): Michael Dukakis exchanged sharp words on defense policy with his Republican rival George Bush in a long-distance clash as the Democratic presidential nominee headed west to campaign for votes and funds in southern California.

Vice-President Bush launched the initial salvo yesterday in a speech in his adopted home state of Texas when he said the Massachusetts governor was soft on defence and his foreign and defence policies were a major departure from the accepted norms.

"His positions, if taken together, add up to a major departure from the post-war bipartisan consensus on foreign policy ... (and) amount to a rejection of America's role as a world leader and a repudiation of the Truman doctrine and the vision of John Kennedy," Bush told a Hispanic military academy.

Strong But Dukakis, travelling through the Deep South on his way to Los Angeles, told reporters, "I think the vice-president knows better than that."

"I want a strong America — all



Dukakis

Americans want a strong America — but we've got to have strong conventional forces as well as a strong nuclear deterrent," he said. "We aren't getting that and we're not going to get it under Vice-President Bush."

"The American people know that we cannot be strong when our conventional forces aren't getting the kind of support they need and if we continue to spend billions and billions on fantasies like Star Wars and MX missiles on railroad cars," he said.

Dukakis defended having supported a nuclear freeze after the

Reagan administration broke off arms talks with Moscow, but said he applauded the recent arms talks initiatives and would now support the development of some weapons systems.

Policy Dukakis's foreign policy aide Jim Steinberg said Dukakis supports development of Trident missile systems, although he recommends cutting back on President Reagan's space-based "Star Wars" defence system to pre-1983 funding levels, opposes mobile MX missiles and considers the Midgetman missile too costly.

An opinion poll released yesterday showed Dukakis leading Bush in every region of the United States, including the normally Republican South and West.

The Times Mirror/Gallup Poll showed Dukakis leading Bush by an overall 51 to 40 per cent nationwide and by at least 10 percentage points in every region except the southeast.

Earlier yesterday, Dukakis campaigned in Mississippi, trying to regain the once-solid Democratic south which has voted in recent elections for Republicans.

Iraq and Iran want peace, says Walters

(Continued from Page 1) of this nationalistic confrontation. "Both countries are half-nations and they will have to spend a lot of money on repairing the damage done by the war."

"I think it will be a long time before they think of war as a solution to their problems," he added.

Speaking of the US role in the Gulf in the post-war period he said that Washington did not seek any special advantage of interest in the area.

"We believe that the countries in the region should carry out what they think is in their own national interests without interference from other powers including ourselves," said Walters. But he stressed that the US naval presence in the Gulf would continue.

Peace

He called for "some sort of Palestinian representation" in Arab-Israeli peace negotiations and said that Jordan has not withdrawn from the Arab-Israeli problem.

Jordan recently cut its legal and administrative ties with the West Bank.

Walters said Jordan's move would not doom US Secretary of State George Shultz' Mideast peace plan.

"Inevitably Jordan will be a participant in whatever peace talks take place."

"The US position," he said, "is that the problem should be solved through direct talks between Israel and its Arab neighbours, namely Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and some sort of Palestinian representation."

Iran attacks tanker in Gulf

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affected by the shipping war and this could be a ploy to influence world opinion," one said.

Some Gulf shippers said a trigger-happy Revolutionary Guard could have fired the gunbust at the Berge Lord and this might not signal a new Iranian policy of attack.

Arab Times reporter Jadranka Porter adds: "The US Ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, said, the Iranian raid on the tanker would not spur a fresh round of attacks in the tanker war."

Excessive

"I think this is probably a case of excessive zeal by a local commander," said Walters. Walters made his comments in a US government-sponsored telecast to the Middle East.

He said that both Iraq and Iran had made it plain that they want peace and added: "There is a lot of pent-up hostility which cannot always be perfectly controlled."

But he condemned the attack saying, "it is wrong. Attacks on neutral shipping are not justifiable under any circumstances."

Jordan laying off Palestinian officials

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1967 to set policies on West Bank affairs.

Diplomats said the decision was another demonstration to the PLO that King Hussein seriously intended to shed responsibility for the West Bank.

"Until the last minute, the PLO didn't believe the king meant what he said," one Western diplomat said.

Razzak Al Yahya, who is also a member of the PLO's executive committee, was the first contact between the two sides since Hussein's historic speech on Sunday.

The PLO said it was not consulted before Hussein announced that he was handing over legal and administrative responsibility for the West Bank to the PLO.

Decision

In Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir rejected right-wing calls to annex the West Bank to fill the vacuum left by Jordan, saying the world would strongly condemn such a

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Chances good for Angola peace

GENEVA, Aug 5. (Reuter): US mediator Chester Crocker said today there was a good chance Angola, Cuba and South Africa would reach at least partial agreement at current southern Africa peace talks.

Asked if some agreement would be reached in Geneva, where the talks were extended into an unscheduled fourth day, Crocker said: "Oh, I think so. There's a good chance for that."

Crocker, the US assistant secretary of state for African affairs, is chairing talks aimed at securing the withdrawal of an estimated 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola and independence for South African-ruled Namibia.

Asked if the Geneva agreement could involve a ceasefire in Angola, where South African forces confront Angolan and Cuban troops, Crocker told

reporters: "It will be spelled out in the press communiqué."

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"It's another step," Crocker said, when asked if the agreement was total or partial.

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"We've had a lot of discussions. More will take place now. We've got a lot to do still," Crocker said before entering Geneva's international conference centre.

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About 500 demonstrators protesting against US military bases in the Philippines block the traffic in front of the US embassy in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

Students demand removal of American bases

Police break up anti-US rally

MANILA, Aug 5, (AP): Police swung clubs and fired in the air today to break up a group of students approaching the US embassy to demand the removal of American military bases, witnesses said.

No serious injuries were reported during the protest by 70 students, who were confronted by about 30 riot police 20 metres from the US embassy. Witnesses said they heard three or four explosions from what apparently were homemade bombs.

Police said they arrested 10 protesters, including Nathaniel Santiago, president of the League of Filipino Students, which organised the demonstration.

President Corazon Aquino said today her administration proposed that the United States consider writing off all or part of

the Philippines' estimated \$1-billion debt to the US government as part of compensation for the bases.

"This has been proposed by the Philippine panel, (but) let's just leave it at that," press secretary Teodoro Benigno quoted Aquino as saying.

US and Filipino negotiators have been negotiating in Manila for the past four months on the status of Clark Air Base, Subic Naval Base and four smaller installations. The talks resumed Tuesday after breaking down last week on the question of compensation.

Communist rebels killed six people in an ambush on Negros island and overran a government-run geothermal power plant in southeastern Luzon, the military reported today.

Guerrillas killed a policeman

in a Manila suburb late yesterday in the latest insurgency-related killing in the capital.

Military reports from Negros said the six were killed yesterday when communist New People's Army rebels ambushed a patrol of the 11th infantry battalion about 500 kilometres southeast of Manila.

The dead included three soldiers, two civilian anti-communist vigilantes and a woman civilian, the report said. Helicopters, gunships and armoured personnel carriers were dispatched to track down the rebels.

In Legazpi, the Philippine Constabulary said rebels overran a geothermal plant of the Philippine National Oil Co. yesterday and threatened to destroy the site unless the state-run company paid them 600,000 pesos (\$30,000).

Iran hangs dissident in public

Police patrol Rangoon to prevent protests

RANGOON, Aug 5, (Reuter): Troops in armoured cars, trucks and on foot patrolled the Burmese capital Rangoon today to prevent further anti-government protests in defiance of martial law.

Witnesses said the forces were strengthened after thousands of people chanting, anti-government "slogans" and protesting against the appointment of new leader Sein Lwin marched through the city centre yesterday.

The official news agency NAB said 25 people were detained in clashes throughout the capital and said there were further disturbances in the town of Pegu.

In Rangoon troops fired warning shots to disperse demonstrators gathered near the Sule Pagoda, in the heart of the crumbling old British colonial-style capital, and smaller protests took place in at least five districts.

NAB said 25 people were detained, including 19 students, after groups commandeered vehicles and stoned buses and schools trying to "agitate" students who were attending the protest.

It said about 800 people, including some 300 students, marched through Pegu 80 km to prepare for further attacks.

There were no reports of injuries. Traders said prices were rising fast in reaction to the recent crisis.

Shops in Rangoon appeared to be opening normally today.

Martial law as ordered on Wednesday after a week of street protests against the appointment of Sein Lwin, widely hated because of his role in suppression of dissent, as new leader of the all-powerful Burma Socialist Programme Party.

Sule Pagoda, said to date back more than 2,000 years, formed the centre of the city when British colonials in the 19th century laid down a grid-street system for the capital.

Other Rangoon residents contacted by telephone said, one group of protesters dispersed after several trucks loaded with troops arrived at a building housing government ministry offices near the Sule Pagoda.

Crowds gathered around the red brick colonial building and shouted demands for the restoration of democracy, the ouster of newly selected President Sein Lwin and the release of prisoners he has already arrested.

Rajiv blames Tigers for breaking promises

India fed up with Tamil rebels

NEW DELHI, Aug 5, (Reuter): India is getting tired of negotiating with Sri Lankan Tamil rebels, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said on Thursday.

Rajiv, on a trip to Madras in south India, told reporters the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels had often gone back on their promises.

"We are a little tired of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, of bringing them to the negotiating table," Rajiv said.

He was non-committal when asked if the government would have further talks with the guerrillas, who are fighting for an independent homeland for Sri Lanka's Tamil minority.

Indian negotiators have failed to persuade them to accept a

ceasefire in their conflict with Indian troops in Sri Lanka.

India sent about 52,000 troops to the island to enforce an accord signed last year by Rajiv and Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene aimed at ending the separatist revolt.

Tamil militants blew up a truck, killing six Indian soldiers and injuring four others in eastern Sri Lanka, an Indian official said on Thursday.

The truck was blown up with explosives detonated by remote control devices in a village southwest of Batticaloa town, located 215 kilometres northeast of Colombo.

An Indian diplomat, who cannot be identified under briefing rules, said the soldiers were on

patrol duty when the incident occurred.

The official accused the Tigers of blowing up the truck.

Meanwhile diplomats said a proposed South Asian summit meeting in Colombo is in doubt because of the security threat in Sri Lanka.

They said Sri Lanka, facing a Tamil separatist revolt in the north and east and Marxist guerrilla violence in the south, could not guarantee the safety of visiting heads of government if the summit went ahead.

The seven-member South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation planned to hold its fourth summit in Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital, in November.

City residents sought relief from the scorching temperatures, which were expected to last for several days, by sleeping out in the streets and on rooftops, Xinhua said. Wuhan was hit by a 25-day heat wave in July in which at least 22 people died.

A blistering heat wave hit the city of Wuhan, capital of central Hubei province, on Thursday, sending temperatures soaring to 104 degrees (40°C) for the second time in a month and ending a brief, weeklong respite from the torrid weather, the Xinhua news agency said.

The Chinese are blaming the weather-related calamities on the current Year of the Dragon, traditionally associated with death and disaster. Mao Tse-Tung died in the last year of the

Dragon in 1976.

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bomb in a fruit market of the Afghan capital Kabul yesterday morning, killing four people and injuring 18, the official Kabul Radio reported.

The radio, monitored in Islamabad, blamed the attack on the Pakistan-based Hezb-e-Islami guerrilla party of Gulbadin Hekmatyar.

The party is one of seven groups forming the main Western-backed rebel alliance fighting President Najibullah's government.

The blast at Sharara market killed the man who carried the explosive and three other people, the radio said. Women and children were among the injured.

Earlier, the Soviet news agency Tass said the blast killed three people and wounded nine.

There have been frequent bomb and rocket attacks on Kabul since Moscow began withdrawing its more than 100,000 troops from Afghanistan on May 15 under UN-mediated accords.

Soviet foreign minister said on Monday that Afghan rebels had fired more than 200 missiles at Kabul in the past two months.

Meanwhile, guerrillas set off a

US seeks peaceful polls in Lebanon

DAMASCUS, Aug 5, (Reuter): US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy arrived in Damascus from Beirut yesterday and immediately went into talks with Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharqi, diplomats said.

They said the presidential election due soon in Lebanon was the main topic of Murphy's talks in Syria, the main foreign power broker in Lebanon.

In Cairo, Foreign Ministry sources said Egypt was trying to arrange a meeting between Murphy and Palestinian officials when the US official visits the Egyptian capital next week.

In Beirut, Murphy met President Amin Gemayel, whose term ends on Sept 23, and other Lebanese leaders.

The US official said he was optimistic that the poll for Gemayel's successor would pass off smoothly.

"I hope that ... we may see those elections taking place in the coming days in this building," he told reporters as he left parliament after meeting house speaker Hussein Huseini.

"My visit is not to demonstrate that we are the major force in the elections. It is to underline our interest that the elections take place for the new President of Lebanon ... in a peaceful and orderly atmosphere."

Prospects

"I think there are good prospects. I'm very encouraged by what I heard today."

The United States, which recently resumed political activity in Lebanon, has been negotiating with Syria over the past few months to pave the way for reconciliation among warring factions and end to the 13-year civil war.

Both countries have been trying to ensure a smooth transition when President Amin Gemayel ends his six-year term on Sept 23.

No date has been set yet for parliament to vote on his successor.

Political sources say Washington has now recognised Damascus as the main power broker in Lebanon.

Intervention

Lebanese Army chief Michel Aoun, in a warning to warring militias, has threatened to send in troops to safeguard the forthcoming presidential election.

General Aoun, himself regarded as a contender in the poll, told the weekly French-language Nouveau magazine: "An intervention force is ready and it will move into action at the slightest alert..."

"We will make sure that this election takes place democratically," said Aoun.

Tehran cracks down on prostitutes

NICOSIA, Aug 5, (AP): An anti-vice crackdown in Tehran has netted more than 3,000 prostitutes, drug-addicts and pushers, some of whom will be executed, Iranian newspaper reported.

The daily Kayhan quoted Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi as saying the whole area of the Jamshid red-light district of the capital has been cut off from the rest of the city by a high wall, pending the levelling of all its buildings.

The paper said the crackdown followed a confidential report to the government by Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency. The report warned that the rampant corruption in Jamshid poses a threat to the morality of the city as a whole.

"Notorious women entertain undisciplined customers while the extent of drug abuse and peddling is so pervasive that passerby can see hundreds of addicts roaming in the quarter," the newspaper quoted the IRNA report as saying.

Mohtashemi was quoted as saying that "all the wrongdoers in the neighbourhood were arrested in a sudden raid. They included 1,300 women, a larger number of men, and 700 children and adolescents."

Some of those rounded up "included some people with vices and criminal records who will certainly be executed," Mohtashemi added.

Police attributed those two killings to Sikh militants fighting a bloody campaign for an independent homeland they call

41 bodies found in Golden Temple

Sikhs kill Hindu leader

Khalistan.

Police said Sethi's killers fled the hospital shooting wildly, jumped on their motorcycles and escaped. No one else at the hospital was hurt in the shooting.

They said three gunmen drove up on motorcycles to a hospital in Ludhiana, a major city in Punjab, and shot Tej Pal Sethi as he lay in bed. A bodyguard was also killed.

Police said Sethi was head of a breakaway faction of Shiv Sena, a militant Hindu organisation.

Pawan Kumar Jain, head of the north Indian section of Shiv Sena, was assassinated on July 29, six weeks after his predecessor was shot dead.

The bodies were uncovered during the removal of a 12-meter high mound of rubble which had stood in Sikhs' holiest shrine since a 1984 Army assault to flush out extremists fighting for

an independent state in Punjab.

The last five decomposed bodies were found on Wednesday at the bottom of the mound as labourers finished the work.

"The victims were killed mainly on the suspicion of being police informers," senior Amritsar policeman Suresh Arora told

elsewhere in India.

Meanwhile, police said today the bodies of 41 people tortured by separatists who took over the temple complex again before government laid siege to them last May.

At least 30 militants were killed during the 10-day siege, which ended with the surrender of 150 hardliners. Arora said police learned about the bodies during interrogations of those who surrendered.

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We want comprehensive peace: Sheikh Hamad

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war in terms of winners and vanquished and Iraq is not looking at the issue from this angle. Iraq is looking at the issue from the viewpoint of achieving a stable and durable peace.

This can be achieved only if the opponents sit face to face at the negotiation table at which intentions can be tested and interests of the people of the whole region can be given priority over all other considerations, he said.

Sense

He continued: "This war was not a normal one in the sense of the word, but, rather, a fierce one. It destroyed cities without discrimination."

Reports indicate one million were killed in the war.

Sheikh Hamad said that since its establishment 200 years ago, lost only 600,000 people in all its wars including the Vietnam war. In Vietnam the US lost 50,000 people.

Thus, one can visualise the fierceness of the Iraq-Iran war. But, despite these huge losses, we

should talk only about peace.

"When Iran expressed its willingness towards peace," the Crown Prince said, "we felt that a big nightmare is almost gone."

"All the peoples of this region and their leaders felt relaxed and this impression only reflects the desire for peace and an end to the bloodshed that continued for eight long and painful years. Briefly, an atmosphere of optimism has spread all over the region, at all levels, including security, economic and other fields of activity."

Speaking on the GCC member states' views concerning the war, he said that they had different views on the issue. However, after Iran accepted the UN resolution, the differences of opinion disappeared.

Respect

This new position may push forward the co-operation among the GCC member states he said.

"In this respect, we have been repeating and stressing the fact that we must form a respectable economic force. The necessary factors for achieving such an

advanced level of co-operation are available," he said.

"The end of the war will produce new factors. The last two weeks witnessed a strange atmosphere of optimism in the whole region. On the basis of new developments, we are capable of creating a force not expressed by the GCC alone, but by the whole region. This force can be co-operative and integrated with the variety and quantity of resources they have. With such co-operation, they can create something very respectable, particularly, when the policy in the whole world is towards ending the atmosphere of tension and spreading peace."

Indications

"From the indications, we can safely say that the superpowers have decided to reduce tensions around the world."

"The understanding achieved among the superpowers during the last few months, coupled with the fact that these countries themselves have been facing big problems, economic and others, leave me with the impression that



Ahmed Al Jarallah (right) interviewing the Crown Prince of Bahrain.

the superpowers want to put an end to tensions in many sites in the world," the Crown Prince said.

end of the war there. Additionally, the latest developments in the Iraq-Iran war indicate it is strongly heading towards peace.

"The recent years and months witnessed improved relations between the US and the Soviet Union, that never existed before. Even countries known for their hardline ideologies, have started retreating. The whole world is tired of tensions and wars. Now peoples of the world want to rest and are preparing to benefit from peace opportunities and

detente," the Crown Prince added.

Sheikh Hamad said he believed that border disputes, whatever be their size, can be solved between the concerned parties themselves. This will ensure that the views of the concerned parties will be discussed and not those of others, he added.

Sheikh Hamad said that the Bahraini prime minister, is recovering quickly after successful surgery.

Saddam confers with N. Yemeni President

BAGHDAD, Aug 5. (AP): President Saddam Hussein conferred yesterday with President Ali Abdulla Saleh of North Yemen and Saudi Information Minister Gen. Ali Al Shaer.

Both meetings were believed to be connected with current efforts to arrange a ceasefire in the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

Message

The state-run Baghdad Radio said Gen. Al Shaer brought a message to Hussein from King Fahd, without revealing its contents, or the purpose of the Saudi minister's visit.

Al Shaer became the second high ranking Saudi official to visit Baghdad this week. He was preceded by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, who attended a meeting of the five-member Arab League special ministerial committee on the Gulf war.

The committee meeting ended with a reaffirmation of support for Iraq in its conflict with Iran.

Efforts by the United Nations Secretary-General, Javier Perez de Cuellar, to get both combatants to accept a Security Council ceasefire call are currently stymied. Iraq insists the cessation of hostilities should follow the opening of direct peace talks, while Iran maintains the opposite.

Denied

Iraq has denied press reports claiming that Saudi Arabia is pressing it to agree to a ceasefire before a direct meeting.

Al Shaer who arrived in Baghdad unexpectedly early yesterday was expected to return home later in the day.

President Saleh's arrival in Baghdad on Wednesday for a 24-hour visit had not been expected either.

President Saleh said in a departure statement that North Yemen supported the Iraqi demand for face-to-face talks with Iran.

Who will pay the bill?

High cost of policing a Gulf truce

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 5. (Renter): If the UN obtains a truce between Iran and Iraq — and that's a big if — how will the cash-starved organisation meet the high cost of policing it?

The question troubles Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who has said he may have to halt operations in October unless the United Nations can emerge from a sea of red ink.

Officials say that a UN monitoring operation to police a Gulf ceasefire will require hundreds of officers and cost tens of millions of dollars in the first year alone. And Perez de Cuellar has already exhausted a contingency fund that might have supplied seed money to start such a mission.

Assessments

In a report at the end of June, he said member states owed the United Nations \$647 million on their regular budget assessments and \$335 million for assessed peacekeeping operations. The voluntary-funded Cyprus peace force was a further \$150 million in the red.

Among the debtors, the United States is the chief culprit, owing more than \$467 million in accumulated arrears on its 25 per cent assessment for the regular budget and another \$70 million on long-term UN contracts for its

UN Middle East peacekeeping.

The Soviet Union is also a major UN debtor, with arrears totalling almost \$46 million for the current regular budget and a further \$169 million for UN peacekeeping in the Middle East.

Moscow has promised to pay up, demonstrating its new-found enthusiasm for the United Nations under Mikhail Gorbachev, but those contributions were still outstanding in the secretary-general's latest report.

Starved

While many Third World countries that owe money to the United Nations are starved for hard currency and say they cannot pay on time, the cash flow from Washington was reduced to a trickle essentially as a mark of American protest.

Nationals

Tired of shrill United States bashing that had become a feature of so many UN debates, the Reagan administration and the US Congress agreed that no more than 40 per cent of the American assessment would be paid until President Reagan certified progress in certain areas.

These were a leaner, more efficient UN staff, a bigger say for major contributors in budget-making, and a requirement that the Soviet Union accept long-term UN contracts for its

peacekeeping forces in the offing.

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— involving Cyprus, Western Sahara and Namibia among others — the administration may have begun to change its tune.

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Attrition

UN officials believe the organisation has gone far towards meeting these concerns, reducing staff by attrition, freezing recruitment and salaries and deferring cost of living payments. For its part, Moscow has demonstrated a willingness to release officials for longer-term UN service.

Lieutenant General Vernon Walters, the current chief US delegate, takes a kinder view of the organisation and especially of the secretary-general than previous US delegates have.

Last week, Walters called Perez de Cuellar "one of the great statesmen of our time."

But just three days before Iran accepted the Security Council's ceasefire resolution 598, Reagan rebuffed a new appeal for help that Perez de Cuellar issued during a White House visit.

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Handed

And in Rome yesterday an official of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said Washington last week handed over \$25 million, part of the \$132 million which the organisation says the US owes.

UN officials said that if the Americans did hand over the \$188 million, the United Nations would be able to survive 1988 and enter 1989 with a bit in hand.

Contributed

THE highlight of the event was a 32 kilometre swim. Jamal Al Yamani was awarded for his attempt by Sheikh Mubarak Jaber Al Sabah, the Minister of Information, who inaugurated the week.

At the end of the ceremony, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak praised the efforts to revive Kuwait's sea heritage and encouraged young Kuwaitis to participate wholeheartedly in the event, which has also attracted more GCC participants this year than before.

The opening was attended by many government officials and other diplomats. The week's activities will continue until the return of the divers and dhow on Aug 12 and include the Old Marine Heritage Exhibition at Al Shaab Club, the opening of the Diving School, a handicrafts exhibition and a traditional Kuwaiti wedding, which will take place at various venues, namely the Bida Club, Shaab Garden, Messilah beach and the swimming pools complex.

Kuwait Fund helping China

THE Kuwaiti Ambassador to China Hassan Al Dabbagh has hailed the Kuwaiti-Chinese ties as "extremely friendly", and called for greater co-operation.

In an interview with a delegation of the Kuwaiti Journalists Association, the ambassador noted that the Kuwait Fund for Economic Development has played an outstanding role in strengthening links of co-operation between the countries by providing loans for a number of Chinese projects.

The interview was published in local dailies today.

Al Dabbagh pointed out that fund loans to China, totalling K.D. 77 million, contributed to 10 economic projects, including a cement plant, a factory for woo-

den boards, an airport, a fertiliser plant, an electrical power station, a plant and a factory for small cars.

The Kuwaiti diplomat indicated that China, being a permanent member of UN Security Council with a huge population forming one fifth of world population, represents a major world power with many special responsibilities.

He said relations between China and the Arab world are age-old, adding that China and the Middle East had maintained in the past trade and cultural relations supported by the famous Silk Road.

The ambassador pointed out that China's new open-door policy is attracting foreign investments under laws that ensure security of foreign capital in China.

He urged Kuwaiti investors to visit China to get acquainted with the situation before starting any projects there.

Turning to the Palestinian issue, Al Dabbagh lauded China's official and public stance on the cause. He pointed out that "China fully supports the Arab view in this respect."

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Airbus compensation plan faces tough hurdles

WASHINGTON, Aug 5. (Agencies): House of Representatives members are cool to an administration plan to pay compensation to the families of those killed when a US warship downed an Iranian jetliner, with some insisting on "absolute guarantees" that Iran's government won't get the money.

"While we want to be humanitarians, we don't want to be naive," Rep. Patricia Schroeder told State and Defence Department officials at a hearing yesterday.

They tend to keep on the capitalist system in Hong Kong which will become a part of China by 1997. This is a unique experience. There will be two contradictory theories operating in one country.

However, through our relations with China, we may earn a lot of experience in solving the problem which faces the Arab nation and in promoting sound inter-Arab relations," he said.

Concluding, Al Dabbagh said China has famous historical monuments like the Great Wall of China and beautiful landscapes. Over 500,000 tourists visited China in the last seven months, he noted.

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There were nationals from India, Italy, Kuwait, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates and Yugoslavia on the Airbus.

Ensure

The United States will make every effort to ensure that Tehran's government does not benefit from the payments, he said, but added that co-operation from Iranian authorities probably will be essential if the victims' families are to be identified accurately and appropriately.

If there were no co-operation and survivors proved impossible to identify with certainty, the matter likely would end there, Sofea said.

Aspin told the administration

witnesses they face "a tough sell" in obtaining compensation funds from Congress because "the visceral reaction against the Iranian governments runs very deep."

Rep. Ike Skelton noted: "I think you're going to have serious trouble selling what

you're trying to sell."

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Meanwhile, independent aviation experts studying the downing of an Iranian airliner have sought permission to conduct inquiries aboard the US warship responsible, Tehran radio reported yesterday.

The radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted the head of a five-man team from the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) now in the southern Iranian port of Bandar Abbas as saying the Americans had not yet responded to the request.

Aspin said the chances for approval of compensation would be a lot higher if there were an end to the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war and to attacks on international shipping in the Gulf.

The pilot of the Airbus had close ties to America and left behind a five-year-old US-born daughter, his sister-in-law told Congress in urging compensation for his death.

"I don't know how the family can explain to her that it was an American missile that killed her father," said Nahid Sofea, who has lived with her husband in

ROYAL COURT

Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Burkina Faso on the occasion of his country's National Day.

Kuwait-Sudan ties strong

KHARTOUM, Aug 5. (KUNA): Sudan-Kuwait ties have always been good throughout and officials of both countries spare no effort in making sure they stay that way.

A recent development was a just witness to that, as Sudan had two days of festivities to honour Kuwait.

It all started when Kuwait's Ambassador to Sudan Abdalla Al Seray sent an invitation to Arab ambassadors here to sponsor a sports tournament for Sudanese clubs and to use its proceeds to back the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

Achieved

The call was widely accepted and a successful event achieved its sought goals. The tournament was followed by a similar activity at the capital of the central province, Medani, to which ambassador Al Seray was invited and honoured.

The party was highlighted by handing the Kuwaiti envoy the key to the city as a gift to HH the Amir.

The first visit, from Aug 10 to 16, is for boys and will be headed by the chairman of Kaitan summer club.

The second visit is for girls and will run from Aug 12 to 18 under the leadership of Fotouh Al Sabu, the chairwoman of the Sulaibikhat summer club.

SUNDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Heartbeats
6.30 3-2-1 Contact: a programme on various types of primitive and developed means of communications.
7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Muslim philosophy presented by Arif Al'Asi
7.30 Valerie: "The Six" Valerie notices her son acting rather strange after a date
8.00 News in English
8.30 The Flying Doctors
9.30 My Two Dads: "Nicole's First Date" Once again, opinions differ at home and the case of Nicole's first date is referred to the magistrate.
10.00 Hillary's Adventures: "Deer Recovery"
10.30 Best Seller: "The Perfect Spy", based on John Le Carre's novel
11.30 News summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

MONDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Gitar
6.30 The Craft of the Potter: In the final programme in the series, a potter, a gallery-owner and a collector talk about their favourite pots.
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events.
7.30 The Duck Factory: "Way We Weren't" The studio's manager bumps into her ex-fiance and pretends she is having an affair with a younger man.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Miami Vice: "Walk Alive" Another tale of drug-trafficking at the holiday "paradise".
9.30 Private Benjamin: "Bye Bye Benjamin" Judy's father — with the full support of the comp leader — tries to convince his daughter to resume civilian life.
10.00 Hitchcock: "Stolen Heart" Who gets a transplant, the rich guy or the poor girl?
10.30 The Equalizer
11.30 News summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

TUESDAY

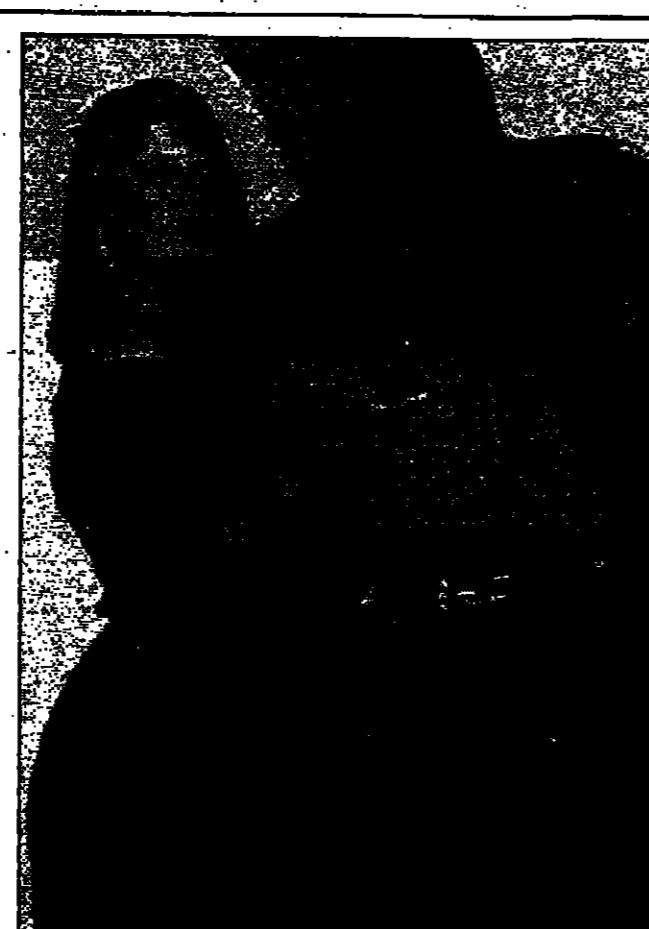
6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Rubik

This week on KTV 2

6.30 Chocky: Matthew gains celebrity status as the story of the rescue and the role played by his guardian angel makes front page news.
7.30 Australian Ark: "The Farthest West" A look at life in the desert territories of western Australia.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Magnum: Magnum helps his lawyer girlfriend to stop the judge from interfering in her private life.
9.30 Les Foushees de Marguerites
10.00 Perfect Strangers: A man whom Larry helped to put behind bars is released.
10.30 B/W Feature Film: "Stand-in" starring Leslie Howard and Humphrey Bogart. An expert is called in to help a movie company in financial straits.
11.30 News summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

WEDNESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Inspector Gadget
6.30 The Kids of Degrassi Street: Ryan is convinced his schoolmates dislike him and sets out to prove he's an okay kid.
7.00 Managing the Micro: "Thinking Small"
7.30 Growing Pains: "The



Linda Hamilton and Ron Perlman star in *Beauty and the Beast*, on KTV 2, at 8:40 pm on Friday.

Scarlet Letter"
8.00 News in English
8.30 O'Hara: O'Hara and his assistant Sheaves borrow money from a wealthy woman to use as bait for a drug gang.
9.30 Wildlife On One: The great limestone

caverns of Borneo are inhabited by some very strange birds.
10.00 Sledge Hammer: "Sledge in Toyland" A toy factory owner and his girlfriend are shot dead and Sledge is put on the case.
10.30 L.A. Law

KTV 1 weekly highlights

MONDAY
4.15 1986 World Cup football match: Argentina vs. West Germany
7.50 Arabic feature film: "Al Fanous Al Sehr" starring Ismail Yassin, Karman, Abdul Salam Al Nabelsi
4.15 Arabic feature film: "Tal Al Aqraib" starring Noura Younis Shalabi, Salim Qabel
9.45 Al Hossan: Arabic daily serial starring Samha Ayoub and Saad Ardash
10.30 Special programme with musician Abdul Fattah Mansi

4.15 Foreign feature film
10.45 Tales from the Desert
THURSDAY
10.15 Iber Al Jahal: new Arabic daily serial
12.30 Magic show
4.15 The Saint
10.00 Arabic feature film: "Daqat Al Bab" starring Huda Sultan, Mustafa Fahmi, Dalal Abdul Aziz

FRIDAY
12.15 Silver Spoons
4.15 Arabic play: "Al Yateem" starring Hala Sedqi, Salah Rashwan
10.45 Nughoom Al Madina
WEDNESDAY
2.30 Al Ajheha: new Arabic daily serial, starring Fadiya Hattab, Saleh Al Hayek, Salma Al Masri

10.15 Al Saif, Al Mafqoud: weekly children's serial
3.30 Arabic feature film: "Arba Banant Wa Dabet" starring Anwar Wadi and Naima Akef
10.45 Naseeb: local weekly serial

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Tareq Rajab Museum
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timimg are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

SOCIAL

German-speaking Cultural Association
The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

Bangladesh variety show

Bangladeshi children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 pm; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun, 4814477.

Indian Arts Circle

The Indian Arts Circle will stage a programme at 7.30 pm, Aug 18, to mark the end of a year's celebration of the 40th anniversary of India's independence. All Indians are cordially invited.

Oman Festival

The Biswabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Pereumpilly — 4810496 ext. 201; Verghese Paradyal — 2422973.

D'Assisi Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messiah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August on 5746754 after 6 pm.

At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment provided.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night

every Sunday 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm; live entertainment provided.

At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

At the Continental

The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

11.30 News Summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

THURSDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six
6.30 Sesame Street: tutorial, educational and recreational programme for children...

7.30 Full House: "Our Very First Night" Uncle Jesse and Joey babysit while Danny is out on night duty.

8.00 News in English

8.30 High Mountain Rangers: "War Games" Larry, his brother Jack join a group of men in war games on the mountainside. One of the men is killed and the Rangers team have to find the murderer.

9.30 I Married Dora: "Happy, Happy Birthday" Birthday celebrations for Dora are disrupted by a letter from the Immigration Department.

10.00 The Hit Squad: practical jokes, intrigues, laughs, fun and sneaky hits captured through the hidden camera.

10.30 Feature Film

11.30 News Summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Good Morning
9.30 Space Adventure: cartoon serial
10.15 Dawa Lil Hub: starring Mirvat Amin, Mustafa Fahmi, Iman Al-Tuki
11.15 Ala Dunya Al Salam: Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahd
12.15 Weekly Arabic programme on the kitchen
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World today via satellite
2.00 Songs and Music
2.35 Al Sarab: Arabic serial starring Mahmoud Saeed, Abu Ghareeb, Abeer Issa
3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoons
4.00 News Summary
4.15 Hekayat Al Ayam Al-Asbeh
6.00 The Junior Artists: local weekly
6.30 Official announcements and information
7.00 Noor Al Islam: prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir

7.30 Nazrat Al Al Al Amal
7.50 Humat Al Watani
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Al Hussan: Arabic daily serial starring Samha Ayoub and Saad Ardash

10.45 Liqa Mutakher: Arabic weekly serial starring Mahmoud Yaseen, Bousi and



Simon and Simon compete with a former policewoman, on KTV 2 at 8.30 pm.

Mahmoud Masoud
11.45 News Summary
11.50 World today via satellite/Closedown

KTV 2

6.10 Holy Quran
6.10 Duck Tales
6.30 God's Wonderful Railway: "Clear

Ahead" — Part 3. George learns, the painful way, that people are not always what they appear to be.

7.00 World of Survival: a look at seals in the northern Arctic Ocean.

7.30 Alf: "Uncle Albert, We Are Sorry" Uncle Albert visits the family and Alf is forced into hiding.

8.00 News in English

8.30 Simon and Simon: "Bad Betty" a former police officer, hopes to win a major prize by catching Alvie, whom an insurance company has commissioned the Simons to find.

9.30 Beyond 2000: a look at the products of modern technology.

10.30 TV Movie: "Test of Love" starring Angel Punch, Drew Forest, Mark Butler. Jessica wants to introduce audio and video systems in a hospital to help the mentally retarded.

11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Morning
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Cultural Horizon
0930 Reggae Rock
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1000 The Years of Pops
1100 Closedown

Evening
2100 Opening
2102 Songs and Music
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 Kuwait in a Week
2215 Rock On
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Strictly Romantic
2330 Amazing Facts
2400 Closedown

Al Andalus
The Running Man
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger
Al Sahmiya
Reserved for Al Jazira Theatre

Al Hamra
Hekayat Nus Million Jenaih (Arabic)
Starring: Yahya Fakhari and Ilham Shahin

Al Firdous
Kunwara Baap (Hindi)
Starring: Sanjeev Kumar and Vinod Mehra

Fahabeeb Open-Air
Raj Tilak (Hindi)
Al Fahabeeb

Oru Minnaminunginte Nurungu Vettom (Malayalam)
Al Jabra
The New Kids

Granada
The Armour of God
Sulabikhat

Lailat Al Qabd Al Bakiza Wa Zaghloul (Arabic)
Starring: Suhaib Al Babeli, Isaad Younis, Yousef Shaaban

Al Jleeb
Aan Kiliyude Tharrattu (Malayalam)
Abmadi Drive-In
Guns and Fury

2100 News Summary followed by A Life at the UN (ex 20th and 27th Whither Wisdom?)

15 The Idea of Europe (ex 27th Another Hero of Those Times)

2200 World News

09 From Our Own Correspondent

25 Nature Notebook

40 Reflections

45 Sports Roundup

2300 World News

09 Words

15 The Tony Mazzu Request Show

ALL TIMES GMT

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1400 Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Spanish Hour
1800 Poys
2130 News
2145 Poys

2200 Indian Classical Hour

2300 Easy Listening

3400 Instrumental Music

0200 Closedown

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Behترنگی Qaw
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Jaizah
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Dhanak

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

Leave discontent alone, and she will shut her mouth and let you sing — James Whitcomb Riley, US poet (1849-1916).

Bhopal gas victims live in misery

By Rajendra Bajpai

NEW DELHI. (Reuter): For thousands of people, the vast Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal is the symbol of death and a source of lifelong misery.

"When I see the factory I feel like blowing it up. If I get a bomb, you would not see this factory tomorrow morning," Mohammad Yunus, a jobless 19-year-old who lives near from the now-closed plant, told a recent visitor from New Delhi.

He is a survivor of Dec 3, 1984, accident, when poisonous methyl isocyanate gas leaked from the plant owned by the Indian subsidiary of the Connecticut-based Union Carbide Corporation. It formed poisonous, yellow clouds that claimed 3,000 lives.

In less than 24 hours, Bhopal, virtually unknown outside India, gained the dubious distinction of being the site of the world's worst industrial accident.

Perished

Yunus's 30-year-old brother Mohammad Shakib, sister-in-law and their two-month-old child perished. The family now waits, like tens of thousands of others, for Union Carbide to pay compensation.

Tears welled up in the eyes of Kubra Bi, Shakib's mother who now brings up three surviving grandchildren. The Indian government paid her Rs 30,000 rupees (\$2,000) in compensation for three deaths in the family.

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Thatcherism runs into opposition

By Marcus Eliason

LONDON. (AP): As novelist John Mortimer would reflect, the way some people reacted, "we might have been plotting to pinch the crown jewels" by gathering to grieve about Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's policies.

All the author of "Paradise Postponed" and the "Rumpled" TV series did was attend a soiree in June at the home of Lady Antonia Fraser, the historian. The liberal literary set assembled there for a discussion of how to counter Thatcher's plans to bury British socialism.

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family to run. His nine-year-old daughter went with him as he began vomiting.

"I thought my family was following me but apparently they had stayed back. After walking about five or six kilometres (about three miles) my daughter said 'Papa, I want water.' Moments later she collapsed and died. I passed out after that," Gupta said.

He regained consciousness in hospital. He never found his daughter's body. At home his small son had died too.

Gupta is suffering from severe respiratory problems and has lost his job because of impaired vision. He now works as a watchman and says he spends more than half his Rs 30,000 rupee (\$22) monthly wage on medicines.

Claim

He filled up claim forms when American lawyers came in droves to Bhopal promising to fight for the victims. But no money had come Gupta's way so far apart from the Rs 10,000 (\$700) the government paid for each death.

Gupta has no idea if the lawyers have made a claim for him. "I have no idea how much to claim but I think it should be at least a lakh (Rs 100,000) (\$7,000)" he added.

Porter Ramesh Pal, 32, thought himself luckier than others because none of his family members died immediately.

In 1985, his four-year-old son died. Earlier this year, his nine-year-old son also died.

"My younger son had serious breathing problems and used to fall sick frequently. Doctors were treating him but he died in 1985. A few months ago my elder son complained of pain in the ribs and died before we could take him to hospital," Pal said.

"I have claimed Rs 50,000 but I have received only Rs 10,000 so far for the death of the younger son," he said.

Officials say the after-effects of the gas poisoning are still taking their toll. About 1,700 people were killed within hours of the leakage. The toll now stands at 2,998.

A government report on the effects of the gas says impaired lung functioning, muscular fatigue and a variety of behavioural disturbances are evident among the survivors.

"Years of further study and observation will be needed to unravel the full dimension of the effects of human exposure to the gas at Bhopal," it says.

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Today's European businessmen are a different lot

Economic integration programme irreversible

By John Yemma

PARIS: Italian financier Carlo de Benedetti cuts business deals right and left, speaks at least five languages, and aims to build world-class European corporate empire out of bits and pieces of Italy, France, and Belgium.

Lord Francis Cockfield, vice-president of the Commission of the European Economic Community, recently met De Benedetti and describes him as "a man of the future." An associate calls De Benedetti "a man in a hurry."

He certainly is not a typical European. He is as brash as any American corporate raider, constantly buying and selling and jetting from capital to capital. He controls Olivetti, the Netherlands-based electronics giant; Yves Saint Laurent, the Paris-based fashion house; and Valeo, a major French auto-equipment company. He owns a stake in London-based Pearson, which publishes the Financial Times, the Economist, and Penguin books. He has companies in Spain, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and elsewhere.

Hostile

What really made big headlines in Europe this spring, however, was a hostile bid for Societe Generale de Belgique, a Belgian conglomerate that dominates the economy of that small nation. Recently, after a five-month fight, De Benedetti settled for a minority interest in Generale, a stake in Suez, the giant French financial group — and a \$1 billion profit.

De Benedetti is a symbol of the upheaval in European business today. He is also part of the key aide with De Benedetti's Paris-based Cerus holding company, says his boss "works as if 1992 exists already ... De Benedetti pushes change, he doesn't like establishment."

That is very unlike European businessmen of old, who had cozy, protected markets, who enjoyed fixing prices and allocating market share over a five-course lunch at a nice restaurant. They abhorred fighting it out at shareholder meetings and on the financial pages. But De Benedetti is different. "Hesays if he is really a European there is no reason, for instance, not to meddle in French politics," De Bruin notes. "We are all part of the same country."

Government might have set the ball in motion, but businessmen such as De Benedetti, Edmarz Reuter of Daimler-Benz,

the London-based Saatchi brothers, and French publisher Jean-Luc Lagardere — who controls Hachette and the arms giant Matra — are just few of the captains of European industry now competing on a global scale, piecing together European-sized corporations.

The aim, De Benedetti has said, is for European companies that "are Italian in Italy, Finnish in Finland, and European in Europe." With all the intra-European deals that he and others are doing today, economists, politicians, and businessmen say the 1992 programme of economic integration is already irreversible.

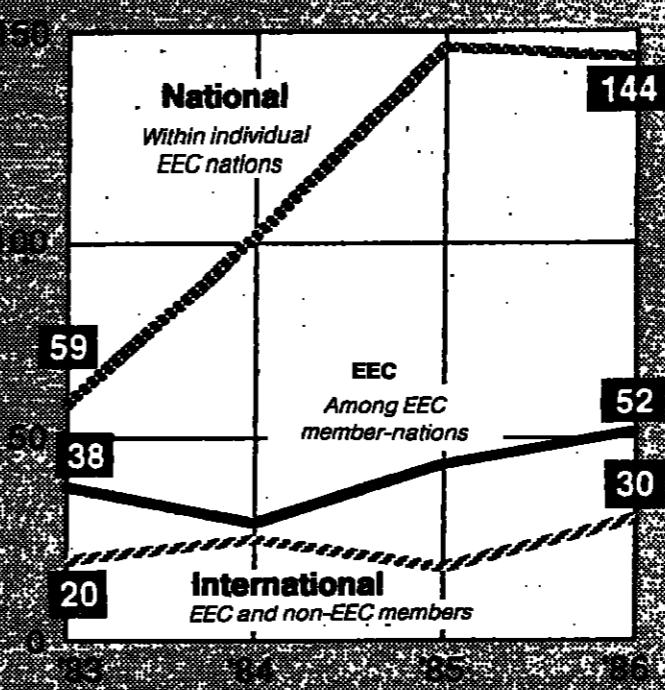
For business, the single market is most welcome. For Philips, the Netherlands-based electronics giant, the single market offers the welcome prospect of making one kind of television set, rather than seven. For truckers, it means shorter lines at borders and less paperwork. For professionals such as doctors, the ability to practise in London, Bonn, or wherever.

It means an end to German beer-purity regulations, Italian pasta protection laws, Belgian chocolate content restrictions, Greek ice cream specifications — all of which bar outside competition.

The EEC estimates there are more than 100,000 technical regulations and standards. And

Building the Euro-community

Number of mergers and acquisitions in the European Economic Community



Source: European Economic Community

too often, an EEC report says, "technical barriers are greatest in high-tech sectors, where market

fragmentation in Europe is a major competitive disadvantage vis-a-vis producers in the United

States and Japan."

It's a hassle for business and for consumers. If a German wants to register his auto in France today, he must change the headlights, the wiring, the windshield. And 1992 promises to change that and more. It will ease non-tariff barriers, harmonize standards, free capital flows, bring value-added taxes into line, and cause national governments to procure goods and services anywhere, seeking the best value for the money, not just in sweet deals with national suppliers.

But if 1992 benefits are high, so are the costs. No one has yet estimated plant closings and unemployment after 1992. The EEC says more new jobs will be created than old ones lost. But planners in places like France say they recognise that marginally profitable heavy industry could face problems.

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instance, think Swiss giants Nestle and Suchard have tried to acquire British candy companies for just this reason. Sony and other Japanese corporations, meanwhile, are trying to show they are good European corporate citizens by extensive public relations campaigns.

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Across the Channel, Philippe Combis of the French Employers' Association notes, "In the past, you have never had in France as many takeovers as in the US or Britain," mainly because the French government, through its dirigisme policy, decided which companies would and would not be merged. Now, he says, "We are getting mergers. This is important because you have to get a European size to compete on the world market."

"We are conscious," Combis says, "that this could be a challenge to many companies, but there is no other solution."

Global competition, he adds, means "be European or die."

"It's the dying that might

present a problem. Despite the expressed willingness of European leaders to tough it out, big questions remain unanswered about how governments, citizens, and pressure groups will react once their borders are open to competition. If the French auto industry or the Italian steel industry start to sink, will pressure groups force a national bailout?

Jean-Pierre Jouyet, a high-ranking official in the Ministry of Industry, admits that French heavy industry "has a lagging competitiveness" compared with that of Britain, Germany, and the Benelux countries. But he adds, "We must go toward getting more competitive."

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training in preparation for 1992 is promoted but not force-fed in France.

In Brussels, translation is a huge part of the European Economic Community's work. There are nine official EEC languages. Ella Krucoff of the EEC office in Washington, DC, notes that these cannot be reduced, because the EEC's business is drafting and executing laws. These must be in native European languages if they are to be understood and obeyed, she notes.

Over the long run, most

observers agree, English is becoming the language of European commerce. This has to do with globalization. North America and East Asia are the European Economic Community's business partner and competitors. English reigns in North America. And when Europeans and Asians do business they most often find English the common tongue.

Distrust attached to Marcos' name

By David W. Jones

MANILA, (UPI): The Philippine government, stunned by former President Ferdinand Marcos' offer to pay back a staggering \$5 billion, reacted with an immediate, predictable thought: "Marcos is making this offer because there must be something wrong with it."

No amount of money can seemingly dispel the distrust attached to Marcos' name.

Numerous explanations have been advanced to explain the government's out-of-hand rejection Thursday of the proposal, which would have allowed Marcos to return to the Philippines and protected him from prosecution for crimes committed during his 20-year rule.

One thing seems clear: after 29 months of relatively peaceful exile in Hawaii, Marcos is finally feeling the heat of legal actions

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1600 — France's King Henry IV invades Duchy of Savoy in Italy.
- 1661 — Portuguese and Dutch sign treaty whereby Portuguese retain Brazil and Dutch keep Ceylon.
- 1726 — Holy Roman Empire and Russia conclude military alliance against Turkey.
- 1806 — Holy Roman Empire ends as Francis II formally resigns the imperial dignity and becomes Francis I, emperor of Austria.
- 1824 — Simon Bolivar defeats Spanish forces at Junin in Peru.
- 1828 — Mehemet Ali, ruler of Egypt, agrees to British demands to quit Greece.
- 1840 — Louis Napoleon attempts uprising at Boulogne in France, but it fails and he subsequently is sentenced to life imprisonment.
- 1844 — French under Duc de Joinville begin hostilities against Morocco.
- 1849 — Peace of Milan ends war between Sardinia and Austria.
- 1914 — Serbia and Montenegro declare war on Germany.
- 1945 — US plane drops atomic bomb on Hiroshima in Japan near end of World War II.
- 1962 — China agrees to meet with India to discuss border disputes.
- 1973 — Mistaken attack by US bombers on Cambodian town of Neak Long kills and wounds hundreds.
- 1977 — Bomb explodes in Salisbury, Rhodesia, store, killing 11 people in what is described as worst act of urban terrorism in five years of guerrilla warfare.
- 1987 — US Secretary of State George P. Shultz says United States must guard against possible Iranian terrorism.

Fleetwood Mac: a new lease of life

Nothing succeeds in rock music like longevity and after 21 years, Fleetwood Mac are still making waves with the addition of two new guitarists.

By Mark Cooper

FLEETWOOD MAC are the group that refused to lie down and die so many times that even its longest serving members must sometimes feel like ghosts.

The light untroubled bounce of the band's simple pop ditties belies a history that Michael Jackson's penchant for cosmetic surgery amount to little more than a check-up at the dentist.

Yet Fleetwood Mac have always rolled with the punches, pausing only to inject new blood when another body falls by the wayside.

Nothing succeeds in rock like longevity and the tragicomedy of mental collapse, marital and romantic trauma and drink and drug abuse has only embellished the myth.

After 21 years, Fleetwood Mac behaves like a seasoned vampire who knows he need only feed at regular intervals to live forever.

Christine McVie remains the eternal Rock of Gibraltar of the group, which was beset by the booze problems of Stevie Nicks and John McVie, her own stormy love affair with Beach Boy Dennis Wilson who later drowned.

No matter that Lindsay Buckingham, chief architect of the Mac sound since 1975, left last year rather than undergo another world tour.

Tango In The Night: the last album he produced for the group, looks set to sell over two million copies in Britain alone and is already into its sixth single 13 months after its release.

Meanwhile Fleetwood Mac have been touring the States since last autumn, fleshed out with the addition of two new guitarists, Rick Vito and Billy Burnette, who push the band back towards the hard-edged blues-rock drive of its earliest successes, albeit with more than a dash of stadium boogie.

Vito's style recalls that of Peter Green, the guitarist responsible for their 60s successes, while abandoned the group in 1969, overcome by "guilt" and LSD.

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Rumours

"It has been a bit of a soap opera and I don't mind people calling it that because it's the truth," she explains.

"Odd things happen to this band all the time. When you're right in the middle, you become philosophical. The new members have given the band a new lease of life and we've got some momentum going again. We don't plan on waiting five years between albums this time."

McVie appears to regard Buckingham's departure as a weight off the band's shoulders.

Despite suggestions that he has been the creative driving



Fleetwood Mac: momentum going again

force behind the band for the last 12 years, McVie regards the rhythm section as the core of the group.

"Throughout our career we've had so many diverse front line-ups. Anything goes in this band; we've never rested on one style but everything the group plays comes out sounding like Fleetwood Mac

because of the way that Mick and John play. There's simplicity and underlying quality to everything they do."

Meanwhile the usual rumours surrounded the group, marriages came and went, solo careers were launched and sometimes prospered.

John McVie and Stevie Nicks struggled with their

dependencies, Mick Fleetwood went bankrupt, Christine McVie has watched her band mates commit every publicised error available to the members of rock's aristocracy and now all she wants to do is to get her head down and write more songs.

Christine is glad to have the new guitarists on board because she believes that Fleetwood Mac is a band of contrasts and is pleased to be able to pay homage to Peter Green's legacy once again.

"When you have a two and a half hour show, you can afford to pay tribute to one of the finest guitar players in the world and one of the finest songwriters this band has had. It was Peter that formed the band. McVie's gift is to make light of troubled waters. The current Fleetwood Mac show too often suggests desperate individuals running through solo turns and rumours that each band member has his or her own manager hardly indicates that Fleetwood Mac remain a tight ship. Yet if the guitar heroics now seem purely American the English core of Fleetwood Mac has grown more skilful until McVie's songs and that effortless rhythm section sound like the carefree work of an hour instead of the fruits of 21 years on the job."

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It's hip to twist again!

By Linda Duff

THE establishment hated it. Mothers Superior loathed it. Yet it was the dance that set the Sixties spinning.

Now it is back — and all thanks to roly-poly Chubby Checker and trendy rap trio The Fat Boys.

It's hip to twist again. Even if the dance is now a ripe 28-year-old, and old-timer Chubby is nearly 50.

Naturally, the uniform is different. Gone are the Sixties-style twirls, the pearls and the sling-back patent leather high-heels.

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Millions of TV viewers watching the recent Wembley Stadium Nelson Mandela concert saw 80,000-odd pop fans break into vigorous, bum-wiggle antics as Chubby and The Fat Boys launched into a storming version of his 1960 hit The Twist.

That was the signal for the nation to twist again like it did all those summers ago.

Some prefer to call it a touch dance, because you can get away with touching your partner.

"It's exhausting, it's exhilarating, it's exciting. And it's sexy," says dance instructor James Cronin.

"You can hold hands with your partner, rub backs and shoudlers together.

"It's a social dance, marvellous fun — and miles better than boring disco."

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A new novel from the Colombian Nobel prize-winner

Expanding life's possibilities

By Merle Rubin

THE Colombian-born writer Gabriel García Márquez won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1982, 15 years after the extraordinary fireworks display of his stunning novel "One Hundred Years of Solitude." In all the years before and after the prize, he continued to write fiction that sputtered and sputtered with a fitful brilliance: strongly written, but thematically disappointing works that never quite matched the already fulfilled promise of his early masterpiece of Magic Realism.

There are no fantastic happenings in "Love in the Time of Cholera." But a man called Florentino Ariza does love a woman named Fermina Daza unrequitedly for more than 50 years, waiting until she is widowed to declare himself, when she is 76 and he is 72.

Florentino first sets eyes on Fermina when she is still a schoolgirl. An aspiring poet (throughout his life he will continue to enter poetry competitions, never winning), he woos her in the courtliest fashion: with letters, serenades, verses inscribed on the petals of flowers. Fermina responds, more coolly and guardedly, but when her coarse, ambitious father tries to end the romance, she and Florentino circumvent his plans. Love seems just about to triumph when all of a sudden, Fermina has a kind of negative epiphany in which she realises that this great love was merely an illusion.

Later, this time to her father's delight, she is wooed by the town's most distinguished citizen, Dr Juvenal Urbino: handsome, aristocratic, a pious Roman Catholic, a patron of the arts, and a respected physician whose single-handed



García Márquez: profoundly imaginative

fight to improve sanitary conditions helps wipe out the dreaded cholera epidemics that have been ravaging the country.

Observing the symptoms her son exhibits at the onset of his infatuation, Florentino's mother concludes that "the symptoms of love are the same as those of cholera."

But the fervent love that swings from elation to frustration is only one of the many forms of love that take shape in this richly variegated novel, which follows the lives of its three main characters from the last decades of the 19th century to the first decades of the 20th, from the coastal Caribbean town where they live, across the ocean to Europe, along rough mountain roads to Andean villages, and along the Magdalena River route travelled by boats of the company in which Florentino eventually makes

his fortune.

There are the many physical loves that Florentino will experience secretly as a bachelor, no longer a virgin, but still, in his own mind, "saving" himself for Fermina. There is also the love he has for a clever, black former prostitute, whom he helps get a job at the riverboat company and who helps him transform it into a thriving concern. She is his "true woman," whom he always loves but never sleeps with.

Strained

And there is the deepening, sometimes strained, but ultimately solid conjugal love that grows between Fermina and her husband, Juvenal Urbino. They do not fall in love, they "invent" it. By looking for it, they find it. If love can be an illusion, like a dream — involuntary, irrational, fleeting

— so too can it be a deliberately crafted and sustained illusion, like a work of art — complex, enduring a rational invocation of something greater than rationality.

When Florentino once more sets about wooing Fermina, 50 years later, he takes a fresh tack. Instead of the passionate, handwritten love letters of his youth, he sends mature, meditative, typewritten philosophical disquisitions of life and love. At last Fermina is convinced: This love is no illusion. And what does she say to him, this septuagenarian widow? "Let time pass and we will see what it brings." What it brings is the fruition of a love that has unfolded over half a century.

As Fermina and Florentino set sail along the Magdalena River in a boat called the New Fidelity, their late love blossoms amid a landscape made desolate by time and exploitation: The river's once-forested shores have been decimated, the water has receded, the riparian wildlife has dwindled or disappeared. Yet amid the ruins of nature, they find happiness. Time has proved both enemy and friend. This is a novel about people who choose hope over despair, self-knowledge over self-dramatisation, in the belief that love can transform age and time.

"Love in the Time of Cholera" is a boldly romantic, profoundly imaginative, fully imagined work of fiction that expands our sense of life's infinite possibilities.

LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA, by Gabriel García Márquez. Translated from the Spanish by Edith Grossman. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. 352 pp. \$18.95. 1988. The Christian Science Monitor News Service.



Patricia Neal: binding the fragments of her life with love

Shifting from crisis to crisis

By Justine Picardie

MANY autobiographies smooth out a jumble of memories into a seamless, smoothly running narrative but in *As I Am*, the actress Patricia Neal allows her memory to guide the story of its own violation.

The book opens with a startling series of seemingly unrelated leaps through the major events in her life: becoming pregnant with her son, Theo, in 1959 on the night of the Broadway opening of *The Miracle Worker*, in which she played Helen Keller's mother, Theo's tragic accident as a baby; the ending of her marriage after 30 years in 1983; then back in time to 1962 and the death of her first child Olivia at the age of seven, and forward again five years, to the death of her mother-in-law. It is only by naming her mother-in-law that the ignorant reader can guess that Neal's husband was the writer Roald Dahl.

Skips

Neal's memory then skips back to 1965, to the near-fatal strokes she suffered, and quickly moves forward 13 years to a meeting with a beautiful young woman named Maria, the daughter of the film star Gary Cooper, the man who was once the great love of Neal's life. It is Maria, we learn, who introduced Patricia Neal to a Benedictine nunnery. "And it was the nuns who encouraged me to begin to sort out my past, step by step, skipping nothing ... to piece together the fragments of my life."

These fragments are sometimes confusing, especially the endless fleeting references to minor characters in the story. These are full of resonance for the author, but mean very little to the reader. As Neal admits in the epilogue, "I drove my editors crazy with names, names, names of those to whom I will always be beholden."

Yet other fragments are fascinating, stark dinners at the Savoy with Ronald Reagan in 1948, when Neal made a film with the amiable young actor who even then wished more than anything else to be president of the United States. A meeting with Eva Peron, described as "a charming horror" and many more memories, taking in a cast of characters that range from Lillian Hellman to the young Paul Newman.

What is most moving about this patchwork is the fact that not only was it painstakingly constructed by a woman who had completely lost her memory after three strokes, but that along with all the suffering and bitterness which seeps through the story, in the end she binds her fragments together with love.

For, as Neal writes, what lay at the heart of the journey through her past was the "hope that in remembering, I can at last know that there is a sense to all of this ... Remembering was humbling. It was painful beyond all words, and then, finally, remembering was purifying, and it began to give me peace."

As I Am
by Patricia Neal
Hutchinson £12.95 pp 277

ANDY CAPP



By Smith

Imran Khan reveals all

Sporting view from the pavilion

By Amit Roy

WHEN Imran Khan left his native Lahore for a tour of England in 1971 with the Pakistani cricket team, his worried mother advised her son, then only 19: "Don't bring back a foreign wife."

Khan, now 36, is captain of Pakistan, its greatest sporting hero, one of cricket's great all-rounders, and the subject of countless gushing profiles in Britain's tabloid press.

The "world's most beautiful man", as a drooling headline dubbed him, reveals in this autobiography how he nearly forgot his mother's wishes.

He had reconciled himself, like three other Oxbridge-educated cousins, to an arranged marriage back in Pakistan. But he became involved with an English girl "and even began to contemplate marriage to her." But the modern cricketer's punishing touring schedules plus cultural conflicts conspired to end their relationship.

Feted

He has been feted throughout the cricketing world, not least by Britain's 250,000 Pakistanis. He feels sorry for the culturally rootless British-born Pakistanis, rejected by white Britons, but also alien to the land of their parents.

He considers it is wrong that western-educated Pakistani girls in Britain should be locked into unhappy marriages with men imported from villages in Pakistan.

Years in England — the Royal Grammar School, Worcester, Kable College, Oxford and much county cricket, for Worcester and then Sussex — have wrought profound changes in the man. He is no longer sure "how, when or whom" he



Imran Khan: one of cricket's great all-rounders and the subject of countless gushing profiles in Britain's tabloid press

will marry. These simply written but engaging memoirs are refreshingly different from those of other cricketers (notably the former England skipper, Mike Gatting, who comes across as a bit of a whinger in his own book, *Leading from the Front*), who forever blather off people for their own lapses. Khan is much warmer in his appreciation of his rivals.

Debt

He comes across as both courageous and scrupulously fair. He declares, for example, that unlike his parents' generation he is not anti-Indian. He is concerned that politically Pakistan "seems to be drifting towards fragmentation."

He acknowledges his deep debt to English county cricket, the most professional in the world, but also remarks on the racist tendencies of some "old

pros." The West Indian, Vivian Richards, told Imran Khan that he was always particularly severe with Bob Willis because the English fast bowler had once called him a "black bastard" after getting him out.

Now that his cricketing days are nearly over, where does Khan go from here? There are a few clues in the book. When his mother was dying of cancer in Pakistan, he found he could afford to prescribe drugs but another less well-placed countryman could not.

This pained and angered him. Like Ian Botham whom he eulogises as "the hardest hitter of the ball in world cricket", Khan has been busy raising money for medical charities. Perhaps the best of Imran is yet to come.

All Round View
by Imran Khan
Chatto £12.95 pp 210.

Portraying a range of human foibles

By Linda Taylor

JOSEPHINE HUMPHREYS, in her study of South Carolina domesticity, refreshingly bypasses the heroic or tragic "eminent modes. If she has a model, it might be a Shakespearean one, where the resolution of love is the subject for comedy.

Rich in Love, Humphreys' second novel nonetheless has the equipment for tragedy. A life in a solidly happy marriage leaves home because her life, particularly once her husband retires, has become too permanent. "Nothing was ever new."

Her husband, Pop, who has devoted his life (ironically, as a demolition expert) to making his family secure, scours the countryside for her and sits on the roof of his house thinking about what might have gone wrong.

One daughter, Rae, returns to me, "tricked" into marriage by pregnancy, and declines to include in her nuptials lethargy because of her impending loss of colour. The other daughter, Leslie, aged 17, who should be in love with Wayne, falls for her brother-in-law.

Mayhem Though the potential is there for mayhem, one is assured from the outset, by the calmness of Lucille's narrative voice, that Misrule is on a temporary visit, that order of some kind will be restored.

The novel in fact explores the



Josephine Humphreys: wry humour

assemble in a more satisfactory way.

Pop, for instance, finds old age is more fun with Vera (with whom he attends cardio-pulmonary resuscitation classes and lives in a modern shingled bungalow) than it would have been with his Bohemian wife, who requires a pastoral resolution, "dream house ... out in the country, in a field, behind pines".

Lucille, as narrator, has a keen eye for what is going on around her, physically and emotionally: "a really good eye had the power to draw me into it, so I seemed to float out along its curvilinear and colours and

receding planes". It is the texture of the "really good view" in Rich in Love, the unrolling panorama of events and vignettes, Rae singing at a black bar, Billy and Lucille trick-or-treating, Rhody, Lucille's prudent black friend, doing human "research" on a city tour bus, that so satisfactorily balances the novel's good sense. Humphreys draws the reader into it by the imaginative scope and wry humour of her prose, by her curiosity and psychological insight, and by her portrayal of a range of human foibles.

Rich in Love by Josephine Humphreys, Collins Harvill £10.95, pp 261.

It is the attachment of the stray cat to its owner in his squalid flat and on memories of his boyhood.

Lotte, less obviously defeated by life, but more flagrantly a failure, was kept by a Marwari businessman for many years, but now fights her loneliness with rags of finery, fantasies about her one-time career as a celebrated actress, noisy quarrels with her working-class neighbours and liquor.

Haphazardly clinging to the few things they have in common because they have nothing else, Hugo and Lotte comfort one another. When disaster strikes Hugo, it is Lotte who discovers him. She flees, terrified, taking with her his long-hoarded package of loving letters written in German. The novel's suspense is not that of "what will happen?", but of "how will it happen?" We foresee with dread that the German boy is an incarnation of the Old Country of menace and death from which Hugo fled as a child.

This, although a shade too neat, all works well. But in the tale from the past that runs in counterpoint to it, and which ought to work in the same way, suspense tips over at an early stage from general foreboding into prosaic knowledge and thus loses its power.

As soon as we realise that the loving letters are from Hugo's mother and that she was left behind in Europe, we know what her fate must have been. It is, literally, a foregone conclusion, and as such, no use as a revelatory conclusion to the novel. But the author tries to use it as this, and the effect is to slow and weaken a story that already moves a little heavily.

Baumgartner's Bombay
by Anita Desai
Heinemann £10.95 pp 230

Mediator between East and West

By Gillian Tindall

LIKE Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, another gifted mediator between India and the West, Anita Desai has Middle Europe lying just out of sight in her complex heritage. *Baumgartner's Bombay*, with its resolutely documentary title, is the first novel in which she exposed this Germanic root so clearly.

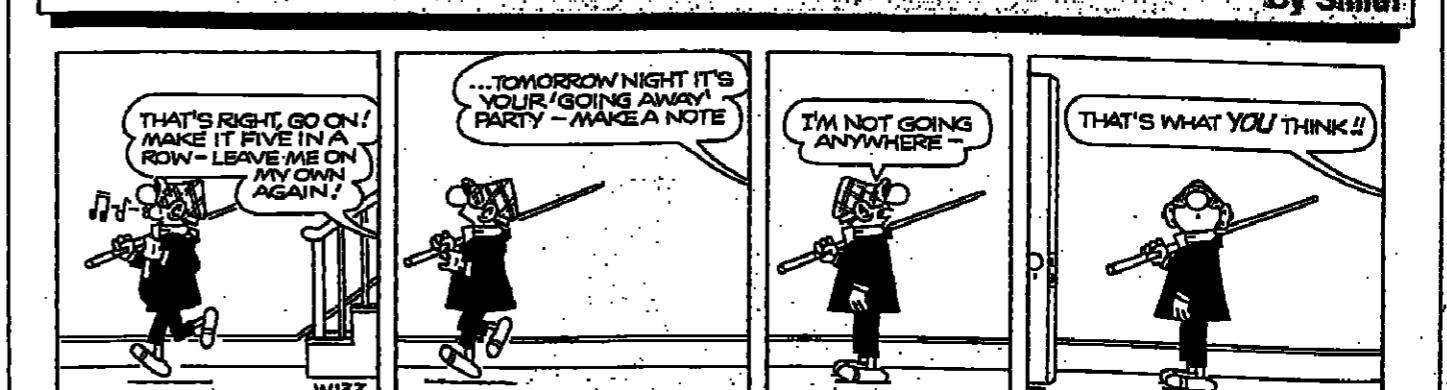
Hugo, the Baumgartner of the title, and Lotte each, separately, left their native Berlin so long ago that India has become their country.

But theirs is not so much Indian India, as a country within it, that capacious realm of disparate minorities whose individual members run into millions: westernised, mixed-race, Parsi, Anglo-Indian and now, hippy-India, a world depicted here in its melting pot, Bomby.

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FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

'BRAIN DEAD' MEANS THE BRAIN HAS STOPPED WORKING

QUESTION: What does "brain dead" mean?

ANSWER: In actual practice, it means that the heartbeat and respiration can be maintained artificially, giving the appearance of life, long after the brain has stopped working and is "dead."

While determination of death traditionally has been based on the stopping of breathing and the heartbeat, the development of techniques to support failing lung and heart functions — even when the brain appears dead — had made these signs insufficient to determine the death of an individual and most inadequate under certain circumstances. So recent criteria for the determination of death have been based on an assessment of the brain.

To be declared brain-dead, a patient must meet certain clinical conditions, including having no spinal cord reflex movements; no eye opening or other movement — either spontaneous or in response to painful stimuli to the face or trunk; plus other more technical conditions. Determining that a patient is really brain-dead is not an easy task and sometimes nearly impossible.

To further complicate matters, there are

certain conditions that can mimic the appearance of brain death, but in reality are something entirely different. Examples include cases of extreme intoxication and drug overdoses.

Advisers to the President's Commission that studied ethical problems in medicine have suggested that in cases of uncertainty or doubt about the diagnosis, a full 24 hours should be allowed to pass after all the clinical signs of death are present, before making the final declaration of death.

Yet despite the difficulty, early recognition and declaration of brain death are important. Continued treatment of patients who are brain dead can subject the family to uncertainty and false hopes. Some people feel that treating a brain-dead patient is an indignity to the patient's body. Others say that medical resources should not be expended on treating patients who are already dead. Still others contend that so long as patient's heart is beating and breath is continuing, that person is alive and deserves any and all treatments available to the medical profession.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Indonesia plans to increase gas exports

JAKARTA, Aug 5. (OPECNA): OPEC member country Indonesia is planning to increase the export of natural gas to Japan to compensate for the loss of oil revenues due to falling oil prices, according to A.R. Ramly, president of the state oil company, Pertamina.

He disclosed this at a ceremony marking the first shipment of Indonesian liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) to Japan at Blang Lancang special port, in the ACEH province.

LPG produced by the Arun Gas plant is the first processed from non-associated gas, Ramly explained, adding that generally LPG is produced in oil refinery and processed from Associated Gas.

Plant
The construction of LPG processing plant in Arun was undertaken following a contract between Pertamina and seven Japanese firms for the supply of 1.6 million tonnes of LPG from Arun and 350,000 tonnes from Bantang plant, in the east Kalimantan province, for a period of 10 years.

Pertamina exported 115 million tonnes of LPG over the past 11 years, he said, adding that his country was a most reliable supplier.

Indonesian exports, excluding oil and gas, totalled \$3.97 billion in value during the first five months of this year, up 36 per cent from the 2.93 billion recorded during the same period in 1987.

According to the Central Bank of Indonesia here, the increase was due to commodities fetching higher prices on world markets.

Goods
Most of the goods were exported to Japan, the United States, the countries of the European Economic Community, East Europe, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, the Middle East and China.

The country's main non-oil exports include plywood, sawn timber, natural rubber, tin, coffee, palm oil, tung fish, garments, textiles and garments, spices, fertilizer, cement, rattan products and electronic goods.

Meanwhile, the value of crude oil exports over the same period fell by 2.3 per cent — from \$2.43 million in 1987 to \$2.37 million this year. The main customers were the US, Japan and the EEC countries.

New law to attract foreign investment in Sharjah

ABU DHABI, Aug 5. (OPECNA): The emir of Sharjah is planning to introduce a new law to attract foreign investments by liberalising business procedures, it was reported here today.

An article published today in the local daily "Khaleej Times" said the proposed law would require foreign investors to enter into contracts with local service agents rather than partners as currently required.

Under the new regulations, the local agent will have no obligation for any debts or market liabilities of the investor.

Mohammed Bin Salem Al-Qasimi, president of Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was quoted by the paper as saying the new rules would serve both businessmen and local interests by giving them mutual protection.

The draft law had been sent to the ministry of economy and commerce for endorsement, the paper noted.

Sharjah is one of the seven emirates constituting the federal government of the United Arab Emirates.

Oil exploration programmes

QUITO, Aug 5. (OPECNA): Cope, the Ecuadorian state oil company, is currently embarking on intensive onshore and offshore oil exploration programmes in co-operation with about 30 foreign firms.

The programmes, covering a total area of around 400 million hectares, are aimed at increasing the country's hydrocarbon reserves.

Under the scheme, 56 exploration wells are to be drilled, based on studies covering a total of 20 kilometres of seismic lines.

Work on increasing the output of producing oilfields are currently also in full swing for which 66 of a total of 132 projects to improve the fields have been completed.

Minister of Energy and Mines Fernando Santos-Alvite described the results of the explorations programme as "success-

KPC looking for new opportunities, says Hussein

Kuwait expands oil refineries

KUWAIT is nearing the end of a multi-billion-dollar programme to expand and modernise its domestic oil refineries, the cornerstone of a policy to capture new markets for refined products overseas.

Kuwait Petroleum Corp (KPC) has already clinched a place among multinational oil giants with the acquisition of refineries and petro stations in Europe dating back to 1983 and exploration rights around the globe.

Project

Now, with an expansion project at one of the world's most modern refineries soon to come on stream at Mina Abdullah on the Kuwaiti coast, KPC is hungry for new acquisitions of sales outlets elsewhere in Europe and Asia.

"We are looking for opportunities — companies selling products we want to sell that are profitable and well run," said Hani Hussein, KPC's assistant managing director for marketing.

Kuwait has done more than

any other member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to integrate oil operations from desert wells to consumers abroad.

Keen to squeeze the most out of a barrel of crude oil and insulate itself from price fluctuations in the world crude market, the northern Gulf state has aggressively turned to refined products processing and sales through its own network.

The attraction is clear — prices for refined products such as petrol on the garage forecourt are not as volatile and not subject to OPEC's official selling rates.

KPC subsidiary Kuwait Petroleum International (KPI) now sells petrol directly to European motorists through a network of 4,800 stations bearing the colourful "Q-8" brand logo, a traditional Gulf sailing ship.

Q-8 stations have opened in Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy and Britain, many acquired from Gulf Oil Corp in 1983.

Hussein said the European

network now handles between 250,000 and 350,000 barrels a day (BPD).

"We would expect that number to grow... to 400,000-500,000 BPD, ultimately. But not this year or the year after," he said.

Acquisitions

He said since KPC aimed to expand market share through acquisitions and service rather than price competition, the pace of expansion depended on the availability of good offers.

We are not talking to anyone now. But this doesn't mean we won't buy if we find the right offer," Hussein said.

Britain, Holland and Italy, where market share is relatively low, are considered by the oil industry as prime targets.

The acquisition by the London-based Kuwait Investment Office of a 22 per cent stake in British Petroleum Co PLC (BP) is so far no more than an investment, but the move raised concern in Britain Kuwait was aiming for long-term control of the company.

BP stations have opened in West Germany and France

would be natural locations for us to expand because they are huge consumers of oil. But we have to have the right opportunity," Hussein said.

KPC's only major acquisition so far this year has been a 4,500 BPD Italian lubricating oil plant.

Japan has proved a tough market to crack because of restrictions on foreign investment.

But other Asian countries including the Philippines, where the national oil company mooted privatisation of its downstream business in 1986, have been studied.

At home, the Kuwait National Petroleum Co (KNPC) has commissioned a new crude unit at the Mina Abdullah refinery that will almost double its capacity to around 210,000 BPD, officials said.

Production

Other refineries at Mina Al-Ahmad and Shuaiba can together produce as much as 585,000 BPD, but Hussein said they were expected to average a total of about 440,000 BPD this year.

That means about two-thirds of current Kuwaiti crude oil production, which Hussein put at just under one million BPD, is sold as refined products. The country's OPEC quota is 996,000.

Kuwait also operates former Gulf oil refineries in Denmark and Holland with a combined throughput of around 135,000 BPD. But they are often run with non-Kuwaiti crude.

Bader Hajji Yousef, manager of Mina Al-Ahmad refinery, said the \$2 billion expansion project at Mina Abdullah would be fully on stream by early next year.

Scheme

That will mark the end of a scheme launched in 1980 to upgrade all three refineries, boosting their output of profitable middle distillates such as gas oil and kerosene at the expense of fuel oil, which yields lower prices.

"The main feature is zero fuel oil," Yousef said of Mina Abdullah. "It's unique in the area... the goal is to improve on the product quality to be more competitive in world markets."

World Business Summary

Saudi bank to distribute more deposits to public

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, Aug 5. (AP): Al Rajhi Banking and Investment Corp., the money-changer recently turned full service bank in Saudi Arabia, will soon begin distributing to investors the excess 2.1 billion riyals (\$560 million). The amount was held on deposit since Al Rajhi's oversubscribed public offering last May, its first after the transformation into the oil-rich kingdom's 12th commercial bank. The \$22.5-million-riyal (\$86-million) flotation was oversubscribed by 7.6 times, resulting in deposits of approximately 2.5 billion riyals (\$660 million). Abdul Aziz Al Dukail, whose Consulting Centre for Finance and Investment managed the flotation, told the local press that the offering set a record for speed and amount of oversubscription. According to local press, the Ministry of Commerce has approved a distribution formula which will favour small shareholders. Those who ordered five shares will receive their entire subscription; investors requesting 10 to 15 shares will get six; those who ordered 20 to 35 will receive seven, and so on. Only 32 shares will be allocated to investors who requested the maximum 10,000 shares. However, over 90 per cent of the 456,357 investors applied for 100 shares or less, attest to the overwhelming popularity of the offering among Saudi Arabian nationals. "Saudi people prefer to invest in their own country," said Saleh Abdul Aziz Al Rajhi, general manager and managing director, in an interview with the Associated Press earlier this year. The majority of the company is still owned by the four Al Rajhi brothers who founded the concern.

South African minister weighs import controls

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 5. (Reuters): South Africa may soon introduce direct import controls to avert a balance of payments crisis threatening its ability to repay foreign debts. Finance Minister Barend du Plessis said on Thursday. Du Plessis told reporters that a few indirect controls were already in place but pressure on the balance of payments current account and dwindling gold and foreign currency reserves could force Pretoria to tighten these. "It may become necessary to extend import controls..." he said, adding the government would act as soon as it had further economic data on the widening balance of payments deficit. He said the measures could include direct curbs on some imports, tariffs to discourage others and higher surcharges on a wide range of imported goods. Stressing his reluctance to impose controls, Du Plessis acknowledged they implied that "some bureaucrat somewhere will know exactly how much of a certain item should be imported." Du Plessis and Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock, the chief advocates of free-market principles in the domestic economy, have long opposed pressure for direct import controls from leaders of the conservative Afrikaaner business establishment. South Africa needs a balance of payments surplus to repay \$2.1 billion of foreign debt. In 1985 foreign banks cut credit lines amid anti-apartheid pressures and Pretoria has since repaid about five billion dollars.

Surging imports and static exports plagued the current account into a deficit of \$10 million rand (\$168 million) in the first quarter of this year after a surplus of \$5.5 billion rand (\$2.7 billion) in 1987. It was the first current account deficit in four years and forced Pretoria to dip into its gold reserves to keep up debt payments. Gold reserves dropped by one billion rand (\$410 million) to \$3.9 billion (\$1.6 billion) in June. Economists at several major banks estimated the deficit widened to about one billion rand (\$410 million) in the second quarter, threatening Pretoria's ability to repay between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion in foreign debt due this year.

Unions threaten strike to protest inflation package

BUENOS AIRES, Aug 5. (Reuters): Argentina's powerful trade unions on Thursday denounced new government anti-inflation measures and threatened to call a general strike in protest. "The (anti-inflation) plan is a mess. It does not benefit the working man," said Saul Ubaldini, secretary-general of the General Labour Confederation (CGT). Ubaldini told reporters he had requested an urgent meeting with President Raúl Alfonsín, who unveiled the measures on Wednesday and described them as a decisive attack on inflation that would require sacrifices from the whole nation. The reforms included a pact with industry to restrain price increases, currently running at over 20 per cent monthly, to a maximum five per cent over the next two months, a 30 per cent cap in public utility and fuel prices, sharp cuts in government spending, and 10.5 per cent devaluation of the austral. Ubaldini said workers' wages were likely to fall further behind inflation and that early retirement plans for public employees would mask hidden layoffs. Farmers also condemned the plan, saying moves to give industrial exporters a preferential exchange rate were unfair.

Economy Ministry sources said a good crop and higher export prices due to the US drought meant the farm sector was healthy and, unlike industry, did not need measures to help it. But the president of the Argentine Rural Society, Guillermo Alchoron, told Reuters the whole weight of the plan fell on the shoulders of the farmer.

Malaysia gives incentives to expand investment

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 5. (KUNA): The Malaysian government has relaxed a number of regulations to make incentives even more attractive for foreign entrepreneurs to invest in the country, it was reported here today. The report quoted Trade and Industry Minister Rafidah Aziz as saying that foreign investors will be allowed 100 per cent equity in projects catering to the domestic market. However, this will only apply if the foreign entrepreneurs cannot find suitable local partners. She said the cabinet committee on investments chaired by the Deputy Premier Gafar Bahar agreed to the relaxation for manufacturing and integrated agricultural projects. She said foreigners can hold up to 100 per cent equity in these projects for a period of five years from the date of production. However, they have to abide by three conditions: The company has to export a minimum of 20 per cent of its manufacturing output. Foreign investors must approach the Trade and Industry ministry if local partners are not available for a particular project; and for integrated projects, land matters are subject to approval from respective state governments. She said after a period of five years, the foreign equity has to be reduced in accordance with existing guidelines on foreign ownership based on quantum export. These new guidelines are valid for new projects or projects approved or licensed between October 1, 1986 and December 31, 1990, she added.

Economic reforms under review

BEIJING, Aug 5. (Reuters): China's leaders have returned to their exclusive seaside resort to try to agree how to press forward with controversial economic reforms, informed Chinese sources said on Thursday. The talks in Beidaihe were adjourned last week for Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang and other senior figures to return to Beijing for weekend Army Day celebrations. One source said the meetings would focus on agriculture, an anti-corruption drive and, above all, how to proceed with price reforms at the risk of even higher inflation. "Price reforms are a big problem. Many people are complaining and the leaders have to listen to them," the source said. A party source added that the Beidaihe meetings would also cover the Kampuchean conflict in preparation for Sino-Soviet talks later this month in Beijing. China's leaders routinely retire to the coast each summer to escape Beijing heat to set policy for the year ahead.

Italy keen to import more oil from Iran



Visiting Italian Foreign Trade Minister Renato Ruggiero (left) shakes hands with the Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi before a meeting. Among the issues discussed were ways of expanding trade co-operation between the two countries. (Reuters wirephoto)

co-operation, pointing out that his country enjoyed "special conditions" for frequent economic co-operation resulting from the abundance of its oil, gas and mineral resources.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

London — American Brands Inc is issuing a 200 mn dlr convertible Eurobond due September 8, 2003 with an indicated coupon of 5-1/4 to 5-1/2 pct and par pricing, lead manager Morgan Stanley International said. (0838 RTZI)

Zurich — The Canadian Province of Manitoba is issuing 100 mn Swiss francs in four year, 4-1/2 pct notes priced at 100-1/2 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RTZN 0840)

Zurich — Euroaktividade AG, a Liechtenstein-based holiday resort developer, said it plans to issue next month a 45 mn Swiss franc convertible bond with a coupon of around 3-3/4 pct and priced at par via DG Bank (Schweiz) AG. (RTUI 1420)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 10-1/8 TEN	10-3/8 1/4	10-7/8 3/4
FFT 4.90/5.00	5.00/10	5.20/30
PAR 6-15/16 7-1/16	7-1/16 3/16	7-5/16 7/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3 3-1/4	3-5/8 3-7/8
BRY 7.25	6-11/16 13/16	7-1/16 1/2
RON 10 10-1/2	10-7/8 11-3/8	11 11-1/2
AMS 5-1/8 5-1/4	5-3/16 5-5/16	5-5/16 5-7/16
TKD 3.8125 8750	4.0000 0625	4.0625 1250
ECU +++	+++	+++

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.		
Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6	6-7/16
3 months	6	6-7/16
6 months	6	6-7/16
1 year	6-1/8	6-9/16

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	57	57	57-50	MICO	572.50	580	590
ACC 247	249	250	GRASIM	48	48	47.50	MUKAND	83.50	84	85
ASIA PAINT 157.50	157.50	157.50	GSFC	107.25	108	108	NOCL	487.50	495	495
BAJAJ AUTO 250	255	261	HIND LEVER	68.75	68.50	69.50	PEICO	26	26.50	26
BAR. RAYON 240	240	235	HINDALCO	93	93.50	93	PFIZER	60	61	59.50
BON. DYEING 108	111	115.50	HINDCOPA	81.25	80	81.25	PRE.AUTO	33.25	33	33
BR. BOND 87	88	86	HINDMOTOR	26	26.50	26.75	RAYMOND	49	48.50	49.50
BSE INDEX 599.79	600.63	600.63	INDORG	24.50	25	25	RELIANCE	202	202.50	202.50
CENTURYSPIG 885	886.25	892.50	INDRAYON	66	67	68	SIEMENS	68.50	68.50	69.50
COLGATE 218.75	218.75	220	INDROL	166.25	162.50	165	SPIC	50.50	50.25	50.75
DEEPAKFERT 38.50	39	39.75	ITC	44	45	44	STDMLLS	255	250	242.50
ESKA/EF 120	121.25	120	L A T D	117	122	119	TATACHEM	74.75	74	75
ESSAR 18.25	18.25	18.75	MAHINDRA	59	58	59	TELECO	672.50	680	690
GAR. POLY 78.50	79	79.25	MASTERSH	10.50	10.25	10.40	TISCO	820	821.25	821.25
GE.SHIP 28.75	28.87	28.75	MATHER PL	51	49	50	VOLTAS	315	312.50	317.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEG 202.3	202.3	AKAI ELEC 2910	2930
ALLIANZ VR 1565.2	1541.0	AKAI ELEC 605	620
BAEDERMARK 182.1	182.0	AKCI 974	974
BASF 264.0	261.1	ASARI GLS 1950	1940
BAYER HYP 334.0	332.0	ASARI OPT 673	679
BAYER VER 334.0	330.0	BANK TOKYO 1580	1580
BBC 307.0	307.0	BRIDGESTON 1360	1360
BHF 422.0	422.0	CANON 1390	1400
BMW 499.5	497.0	CASIO COMP 1290	1290
CONFERZBK 251.5	229.5	CHUAI PHM 1630	1630
CONTI GUMM 261.5	262.0	CITIZEN W 835	825
DAIMER BEN 675.0	669.5	D-ICHI KAN 3090	3120
DEUTSC BNK 486.0	481.0	DAI NIP IK 830	809
DLW 345.0	366.0	DAI NIP PT 2640	2520
DRESNER, B 258.0	254.0	DAI NIP SC 1100	1130
DT BABCOCK 184.0	182.5	DAI NIP TO 635	638
FAZ INDEX 491.78	489.16	DAICEL 915	880
FELDMEINLE 279.9	270.5	DAIWA-H 2060	2080
GOLDSCHMID 296.1	298.5	DAIWA-SEC 250	2500
HARPER 428.5	429.0	EBRA MFG 970	965
HOECHST AG 283.5	279.5	EISAI 2050	2060
HOESCH 148.7	148.0	FUJITSU 1780	1810
HORTEN 200.0	198.0	FUJI BANK 3200	3200
HUSSEL HLD 418.5	414.0	FUJI PHOTO 3770	3870
KALI SALZ 165.0	163.1	FUJISA 1860	1860
KARSTADT 418.0	416.0	FUJITA CP 734	736
KAUFHOF 353.5	351.0	HITACHI 1890	1950
KLOCK H 134.5	133.0	HONDA MOT 2200	2260
KLOCK W 0	101.00	ISETAN 2500	2530
LINDE 691.0	688.0	ITO YOKADO 4360	4350
LUFTHANSA 142.8	141.5	JAP ST RU 1110	1110
MAN 206.5	202.8	JAPAN AIR 14600	14700
HANESMAN 175.2	175.2	JAPAN MET 645	600
MERCEDES 534.2	534.5	KAJIMA 1440	1420
METALLGES 313.0	310.5	TKO NEW 220.0	232.95
NIXDORF PF 458.8	447.0	TOKIO MTRN 2010	2030
NORSK HYD 60.60	60.60	TOKYO ELEC 1270	1300
PHILIP KOM 595.0	594.0	TOKYO GAS 1260	1250
POSCHE 568.0	563.8	TOKYO POWR 5880	5920
PREUSSAG 187.2	187.5	TORAY IND 885	888
PWA 217.5	215.0	TOSHIBA EL 1090	1130
RHEINMETAL 295.0	296.0	TOTO 2100	2100
PWE 231.5	230.0	TOYO KOGY 685	691
RWE P 216.5	216.5	TOYOTA MOT 2830	2890
SALAMANDER 261.0	259.0	TRUSS 0	3080
SCHERING 525.0	520.0	MATSUTA EI 2940	2910
SEL 296.0	295.0	MATSUTA EL 0	2660
STEMENS 441.0	431.5	MEIJI SEIKI 932	925
THYSEN 152.5	152.6	YANAKAZI 1460	1480
VARTA 287.0	286.0		
VEBA 260.4	259.0		
VEN 159.4	159.4		
VOLKSWAGEN 247.0	246.5		

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
C H TUNNEL 15.50	15.40
CHEUNG K 7.65	7.65
CHINA GAS 16.50	16.70
CHINA L-P. 17.20	17.20
CHINA MOTR 22.90	23.20
COSMO PROP 4.00	4.00
EVERGO IND 0.52	.51
FAR EAST C .82	.82
GEM ORIENT 0	44.00
H C DEVLP 9.66	9.60
H S INDEX 671.17	677.37
HANG LUNG 5.15	5.20
HANG SENG 30.50	30.50
HAW PAR 0	21.00
HK ELEC CO 7.30	7.35
HK KOKLON 8.30	8.30
HK LAND CO 8.45	8.40
HK SHAN BK 6.20	6.20
HK SHAN HT 4.98	5.00
HK TELE CO 6.80	6.80
HUTCH WHM 9.25	9.25
INC EO PAC 12.80	12.80
JARDINE H 13.50	13.40
KOKLON M 9.45	9.40
NEW WORLD 11.50	11.40
PAUL Y CON 2.75	2.73
REALTY DEV 7.10	7.10
S H K PROP 2.28	2.23
SIME DARBY 2.08	2.03
STELUX MFG 2.90	2.80
SWIRE PROP 18.70	18.60
T V B CO 13.20	13.20
TAI CHEUNG 3.80	3.70
UNION BANK 1.64	1.65
WLOCK HARD 0	7.25
WLOCK MARI 0	1.15
WORLD INTL 3.90	3.90

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Interest rates may rise further to dampen inflation

Dollar renews gains, sterling eases

LONDON, Aug 5. (Reuter): The dollar rose sharply today after the United States issued figures showing brisk gains in the number of Americans finding jobs in June and July.

That suggested a still-robust economic expansion and higher wage demands, implying that interest rates may rise further to dampen inflation.

Recently high US interest rates have been attracting money to dollar assets for more than a month and the jobs data gave it another boost, so that it closed in Europe above \$1.89 for the first time since last August 12.

Resistance

It gained more than a pence despite dollar sales by the US Federal Reserve Board which sought to break its ascent last an over-strong dollar crimp American exports.

At the London close the dollar was worth 1.8920 marks after 1.8785 yesterday and 133.65 yen after 132.97. Sterling ended lower at \$1.6955, down 1/2 cents.

"If the dollar breaks through resistance at 1.90 marks it will go through the roof," a dealer in Frankfurt said.

Nigeria offshore banking should start with Africa

LAGOS, Aug 5. (OPECNA): Nigeria's venture into offshore banking activities has to start within the African region, Chris Udo, a top bank official, has suggested.

Delivering a paper on "Problems and prospects of international banking" here on Thursday, at the 23rd annual seminar of the Nigerian Institute of Bankers, Udo said that this was essential in order to identify business opportunities and establish investment and trade links within Africa.

He said this was also necessary because of the obvious commercial and social benefits of integrating African banking systems. He stressed the need to encourage the emergence of an "African common market" based on Africa's unique trade settlement system.

Udo said that an integrated banking system within Africa would also help minimise hard currency pressure on African countries and keep at a manageable level Africa's hard debt burden.

Impact

He said that the current wave of deregulation and privatisation adopted by African nations must be complemented by international banking activities in order to create the required impact.

He called on African nations to use current economic transformations to integrate Africa's economies through intra-African trade.

Udo said that for the Nigerian banking system to expand internationally, some well-defined incentive programmes had to be worked out by government.

Such incentives, he said, included the dismantling of psychological, cultural and socio-economic barriers existing between Nigeria and the rest of the world as well as the encouragement of free movement of goods, services and people, especially within Africa, through the removal of tariffs and visa barriers.

Oil prices recover slightly

LONDON, Aug 5. (Reuter): Crude oil prices drifted up by about 15 cents a barrel on world spot markets today, recovering slightly from steep falls earlier in the week, traders said.

But by the close of European business, North Sea Brent blend was still quoted more than a dollar down on the week at \$14.70 a barrel.

The fall reflected a view among traders that the five-man pricing committee of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries which met on Wednesday failed to come up with any new measures to cut crude production or raise prices.

OPEC secretary-general Subroto has agreed to try and reconcile opposing camps in OPEC with bilateral talks.

He will discuss getting Iraq to drop opposition to joining the organisation output curbs and try to get an agreement on the vexed issue of whether natural gas condensates should count as crude oil for quota purposes.

By the European close, the key US grade, West Texas Intermediate, was 15 cents firmer, while Dubai, the leading Middle East grade, had gained 20 cents to stand at \$13.00.

Today's US figures showed a gain of 283,000 non-farm jobs in July and revised the gain for June from 346,000 to 532,000, although the overall July unemployment rate was 5.4 per cent, up from 5.3 per cent in June.

Wall Street was not too happy about prospects of costlier money which may pinch consumer spending and business profits.

At midday in New York the Dow Jones industrial average was down 11.91 at 2,114.69 points.

Tokyo's Nikkei average earlier rose 130.72 points to a record close at 28,423.38, but brokers said the advance was due to little more than selective buying in a listless market.

Value

Gold was set in the London bullion market for the afternoon at \$432.85 an ounce, supported by inflation fears. It is a favoured haven when inflation erodes the value of other assets.

Crude oil prices in late European trading were little changed from yesterday's New York close. Typical North Sea grades were quoted around \$14.65 a barrel.

Mittals gearing up to consolidate their fast-track growth profile

Indian firm enters the capital market

ISPAT Profiles India Limited organised a Non-Resident Indian (NRI) investors' conference on Tuesday in connection with their public issue of 60,000 equity shares of Rs 10 each for cash at par reserved for allotment to NRIs and persons of Indian origin residing abroad on repatriation basis.

The issue opens for Non-Resident Indians today and for the Indian public on August 9.

Business executives, bankers, investment experts and market analysts attended the conference. It was chaired by Rajan Nireshwaria, vice-chairman of Kuwait-based NRI Investors Fund.

Aspects

Ispat Profiles vice-chairman L. Mittal made a presentation effectively featuring some of the important aspects of the firm. Vijaya Sood, manager, Grindlays Bank also addressed the gathering.

After four successful ventures in steelmaking and allied sectors, the Mittals are gearing up to consolidate their fast-track growth profile. Following the enviable record set by their four companies — PI Ispat Indo, Indonesia, Nippon Deniro Ispat Limited, Ispat Alloys Limited and the latest Ispat Profiles India Limited, the new Ispat accent is

on further expansion. Plans for investing a further Rs. 300 crores have been firmed up and the Ispat ventures will now take on three new areas namely, seamless pipe manufacture, sponge iron and hot rolling mills and for the first time a petrochemical project.

Achievement

The Mittals' achievement over the last few years presents an enviable track record. With a knack of success and backed by a highly professional corporate management team, the Ispat ventures have always borne the unmistakable mark of a winner.

Mittal said: "Take Ispat Indo for example — a steel complex set up in Surabaya, Indonesia, with a capacity of 390,000 tonnes of billets/blooms and 234,000 tonnes of wire rods, the unit imports raw materials from the United States and exports the finished products to countries including Japan, USA, South Korea."

PT Ispat Indo today as the largest private sector steel company with the fastest wire rod mill in Indonesia, he added.

In India, the Mittals promoted Nippon Deniro Ispat Limited, the first venture in the country to produce thin gauge continuous galvanising plant in technical collaboration with Danieli & C Spa of Italy for the manufacture of international

commercial production in less than a year's time. The company's sales are in excess of Rs. 38.70 crores per annum which is expected to increase after the company completes its on-going diversification into cold rolling mills and PVC and colour coated sheet manufacture.

Prospect

"Another Indian venture by the Mittals is Ispat Alloys Limited. Set up in collaboration with Elkem of Norway, the project is for manufacture of high tech products like silicon metal and calcium silicide. In the first year of operation the company has already notched sales of over Rs.10 crores and paid its shareholders a maiden dividend of 10 per cent," Mittal said.

In fact, Ispat ventures have created history in the Indian corporate world after paying dividend in the very first year of their operations. Nippon Deniro paid shareholders 20 per cent in the first year, while it paid a higher 22 per cent in the second year. In the current year, it has already declared an interim dividend of 12 per cent.

And now the latest Indian venture from Ispat is a Rs. 144 crore venture in collaboration with Danieli & C Spa of Italy for the manufacture of international

agreements during the Uruguay round, but added:

"I do not think that at this delicate phase of the multilateral negotiations, the adoption of such trade legislation is consistent with the responsibilities assumed by the United States in promoting these negotiations."

He expressed particular concern over provisions of the bill that give US officials "a panoply of measures, whose unilateral nature has been strengthened and which can be triggered quasi-automatically."

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Provisions

Major provisions of the bill would permit US negotiators to work out agreements in the Uruguay round talks. They also would streamline the system under which the US government imposes import curbs to protect American business and retaliate against trade violations.

"It goes without saying that the Community reserves the right to take such action as is appropriate to defend its com-

petitive interests," De Clercq also said.

Some US trading partners, including Japan, South Korea and West Germany, have criticised the legislation as protectionist.

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"This legislation," De Clercq said, "is likely to lead to strong reactions from the United States' trading partners. For its part, the Community maintains its intent to have recourse to GATT if it judges that the provisions of the new legislation endanger its interests."

"The completion of the internal market will not result in new or higher barriers vis-a-vis non-member countries," De Clercq said in a speech on Tuesday in Buenos Aires.

To offset the problems, he has appointed a special mission, to be led by Finance Minister Dr Hector Hurtado, which will visit the United States and several West European countries shortly to hold talks with Venezuela's creditor banks on the possibility of obtaining a fresh flow of credits.

According to Lusinchi, Venezuela already made clear to its creditor banks that it was prepared to make great sacrifices, but with the understanding that the financial institutions would be willing to make fresh loans available.

Hurtado said that his mission would also include Central Bank Governor Mauricio Gracia Araujo.

Problems

In a nation-wide television speech on Thursday, the president said that despite the lower income, Venezuela had always honoured its international financial obligations.

He noted that as state revenues declined, the country's foreign exchange reserves also shrank, creating "a delicate situation for

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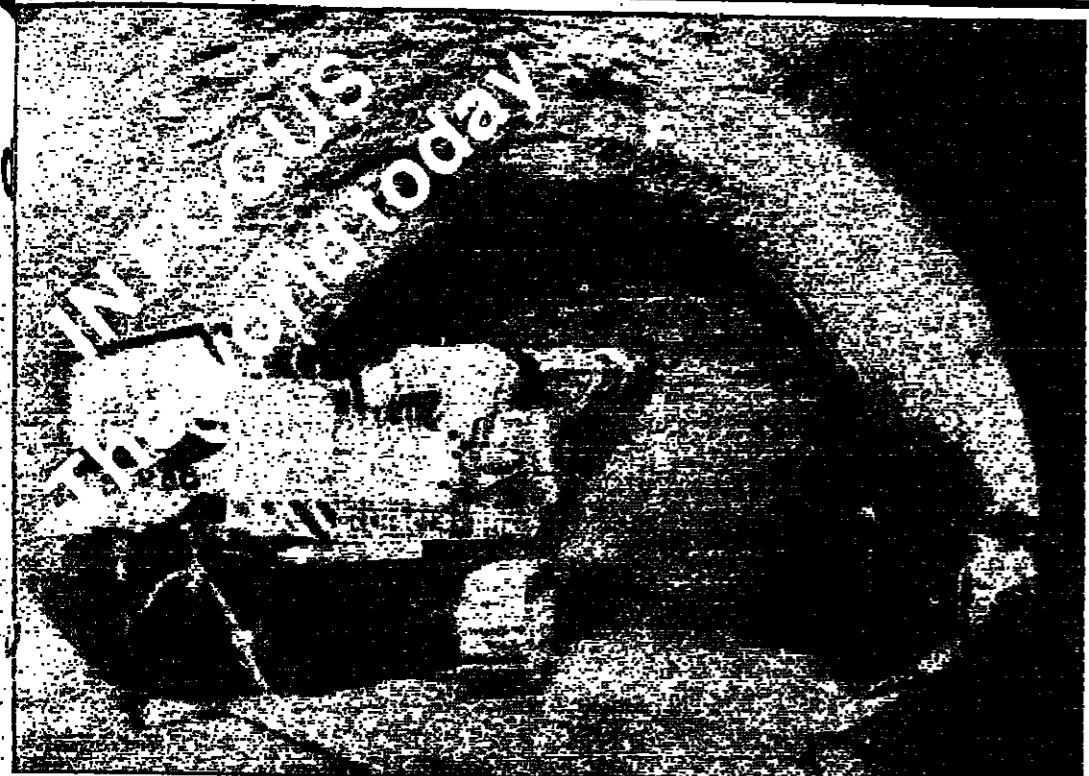
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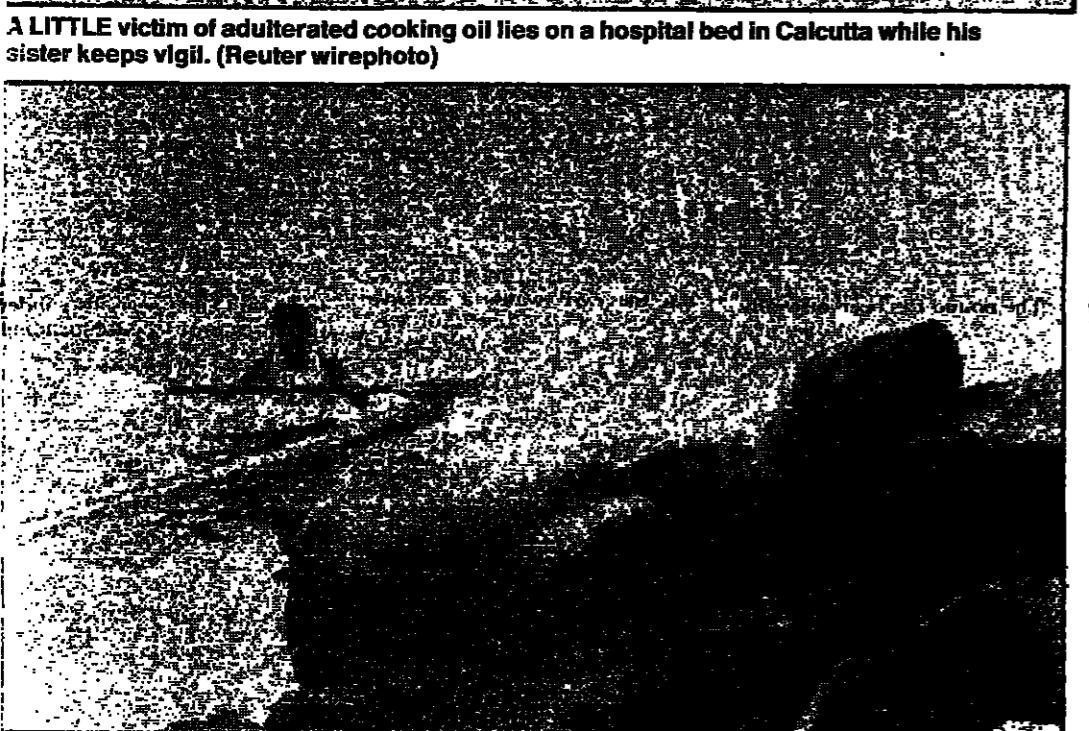
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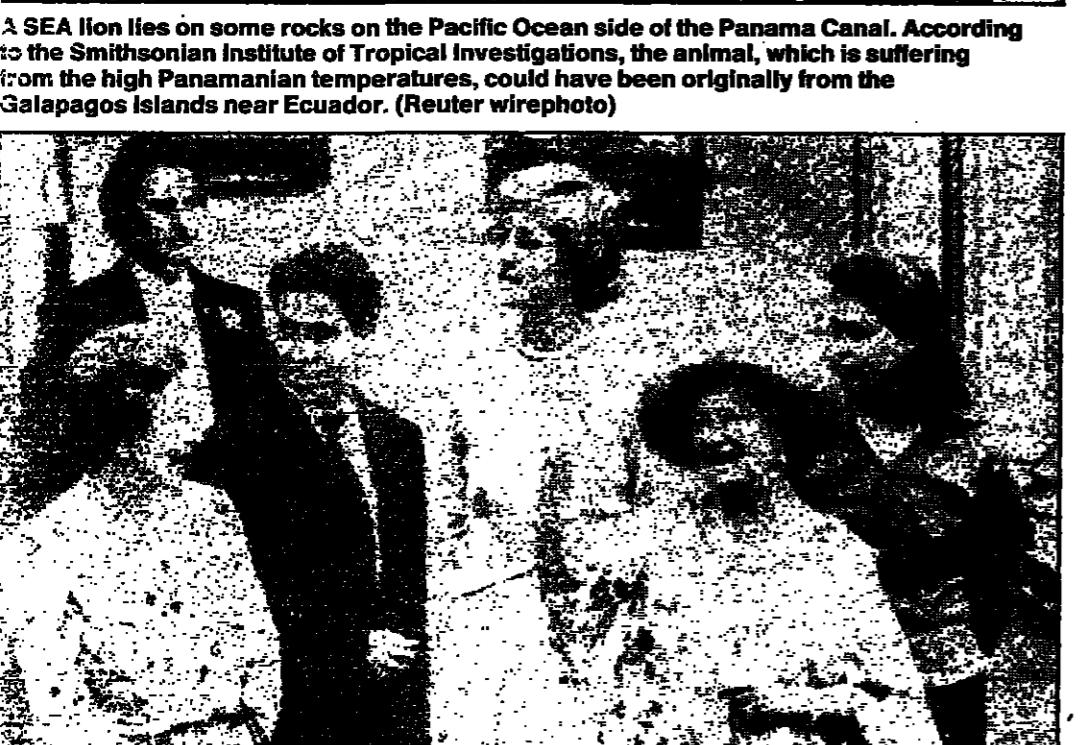
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A PALESTINIAN woman from the West Bank town of Jericho, holds up her Jordanian passport as she and her infant daughter wait in a bus for clearance after crossing the Allenby Bridge from Jordan. (Reuter wirephoto)



A LITTLE victim of adulterated cooking oil lies on a hospital bed in Calcutta while his sister keeps vigil. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SEA lion lies on some rocks on the Pacific Ocean side of the Panama Canal. According to the Smithsonian Institute of Tropical Investigations, the animal, which is suffering from the high Panamanian temperatures, could have been originally from the Galapagos Islands near Ecuador. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Queen Mother waves to well-wishers on Thursday, her 88th birthday, at the entrance to Clarence House in London. With her are (left to right), Queen Elizabeth, Viscount Linley, Princess Diana and Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones. (Reuter wirephoto)



A THREE-YEAR-OLD Filipino seems to be telling where his sentiments lie during a rally by an anti-nuclear group in front of the US embassy in Manila. The group demanded removal of American military bases from Philippines. (Reuter wirephoto)



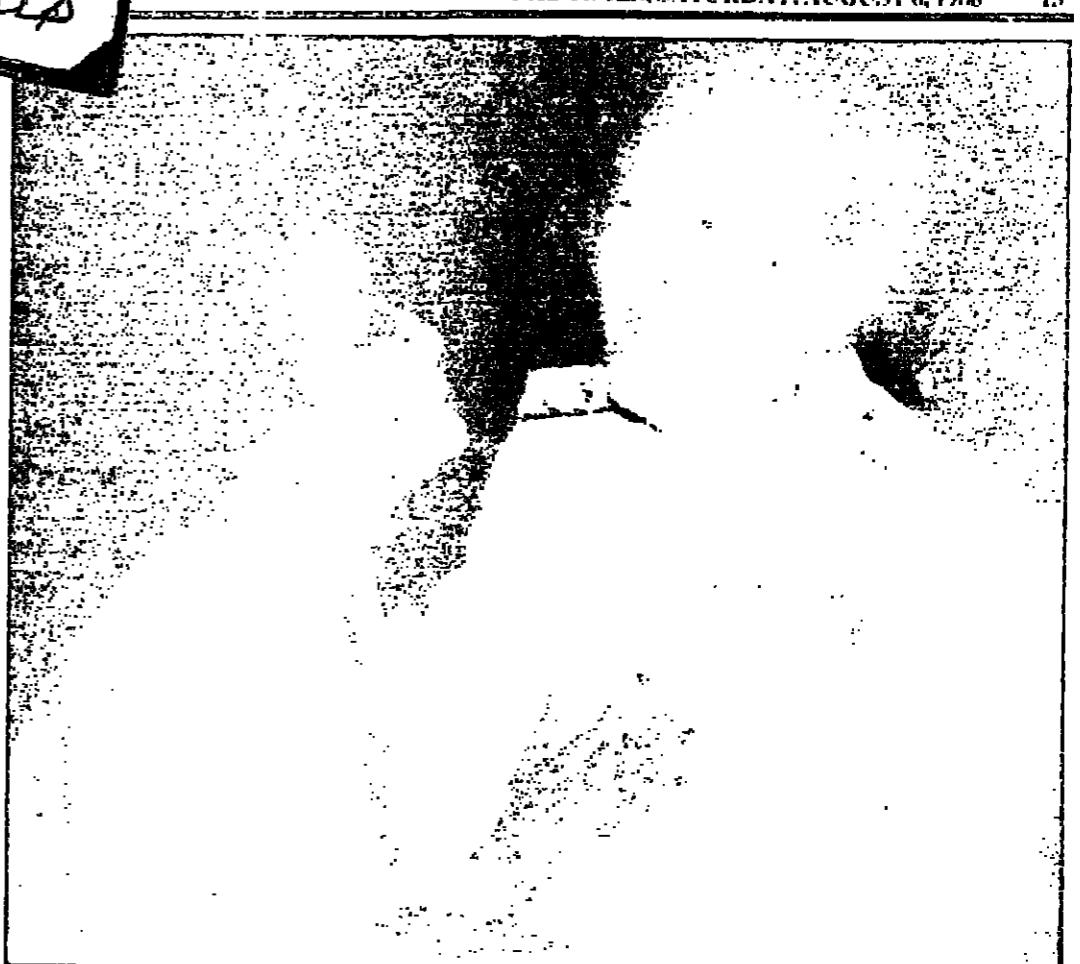
A FIREMAN sprays with water one of seven bush and forest fires raging on the Mediterranean coast in Montroig, Spain. Four thousand people were evacuated from nearby areas before firemen managed to control the fire. (Reuter wirephoto)



MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC, makers of Panasonic brand home appliances, yesterday launched their new portable video camera which can be attached to a headband and only weighs 60 grams. The camera and the recorder-player, which come with built-in TV set, will be marketed in October. (Reuter wirephoto)



BALBIR SINGH (right), one of the three people convicted in the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1984, leaves Delhi's Tihar jail as a free man after the Indian Supreme Court overturned the ruling in appeal. (Reuter wirephoto)



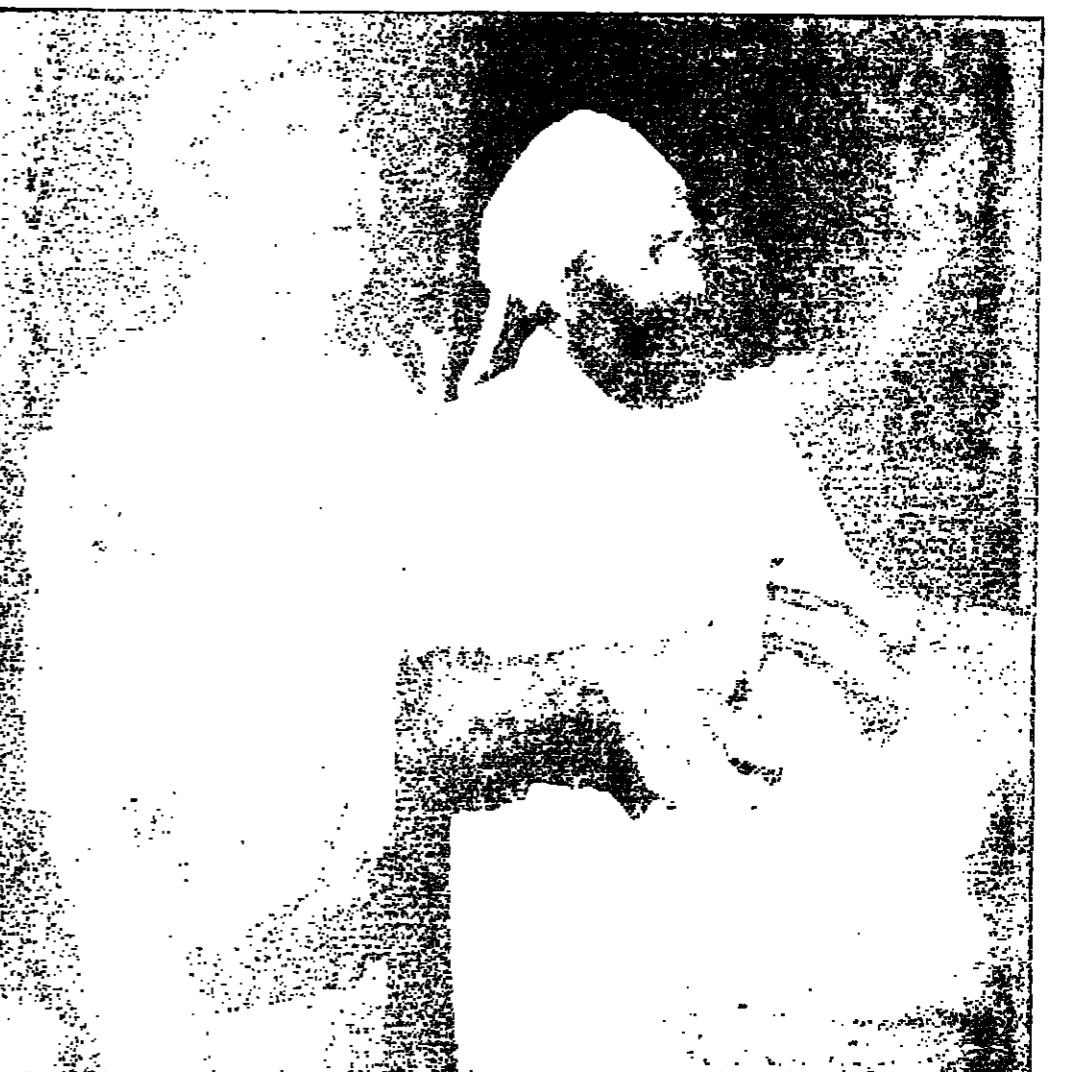
CHATICHAI CHOONHAVAN, 66, is hugged by his wife Boonruen after being appointed Thai prime minister on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)



US Secretary of Defence Frank Carlucci (left) met Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal after his arrival in Ankara on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)



DEMONSTRATORS protesting against Britain's involvement in Northern Ireland, wave placards and chant slogans during a visit by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to a harbour-side entertainment development at Sydney's Darling Harbour. (Reuter wirephoto)



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Lendl scores easy win over Agassi

INGLEWOOD, California, Aug. 5. (AP): Ivan Lendl defeated Andre Agassi 7-6, 6-2 last night in the first session of the Michelin Challenge series at the Forum.

Agassi broke Lendl in the third game of the first set to go up 2-1, then Lendl broke back for a 2-2 tie. Both players held serve to force a tiebreaker, which Lendl won, 6-4.

Lendl, the world's top-ranked player, dominated the second set, with Agassi winning only the first and third games.

Lendl had six aces, including four in the second set.

The match, played before a crowd of 10,589 fans, took one hour, 23 minutes.

The round-robin competition will continue in November.

"We played some good tennis tonight," Lendl said. "We hit some hard shots. You have to be careful you don't outslug him."

"It is important for me to play a lot of matches for my movement," Lendl added. "I won because I'm older than him."

Lendl is 28 and Agassi is 18.

Agassi, who has jumped from No. 25 to No. 4 in the world since the start of the year, won the Volvo International on Sunday, beating Paul Annacone in straight sets.

In another match, Michael Chang beat Leif Shiras 7-6, 7-6. Both sets went to tiebreakers, with Chang prevailing 8-6 and 7-3.

Granted

On Wednesday, Lendl was granted a wild card entry to the Player's International tennis tournament, tournament director John Beddington announced.

Lendl, the three-time French Open and three-time US Open champion, ranked No. 1 in the world, will be seeking his fifth victory in the Aug. 8-14 Canadian Super Series event on artificial courts at the National Tennis Centre in Toronto.

Meanwhile, Agassi yesterday denied rumours that he will join the US tennis team competing in the 1988 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul.

Agassi issued a statement through his management firm, Cleveland-based International Management Group, disputing reports that he might replace Brad Gilbert or Tim Mayotte on the US team.

"I started 1988 ranked 25th in the world," Agassi said. "So when the team was picked in January, I really didn't deserve consideration, at least not when Brad Gilbert, who was ranked 13th, and Tim Mayotte, who was ranked ninth, were available."

Durie opts out of British team

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 5. (Reuter): Joe Durie, Britain's number one woman tennis player, on Wednesday said she will not compete in the Olympics next month because of her extremely busy schedule.

"I shall be playing for seven weeks up to the US Open and would have to leave for Seoul immediately afterwards, and then return to Europe for the indoor tournaments," said Durie, the eighth seed at the \$100,000 tournament here.

Lewis hopes to make Olympic history

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 5. (Reuter): The embryonic career as a pop singer is temporarily on hold.

Quadruple Olympic champion Carl Lewis is concentrating on what he does best — running and jumping.

"Just to win an Olympic gold medal is an unbelievable achievement," Lewis told Reuters recently. "To go back and double when no one has ever done it in all these years is something even more — it shows the ability to come back and persevere through everything."

In the 100 metres, 200 metres, the long jump and anchoring the 4x100 metres relay team, the best in the United States wants to be the best in the world once more.

Best

"Everyone says sprinters are washed up at 23," Lewis told Reuters. "I've run my best times at 26 and I think I can run even better at 27."

And, despite the difficulties of the last 15 months, he believes he can be the first to win gold medals at either 100 metres, 200 metres or the long jump for the second time.

Lewis' father's death from cancer in May 1987 affected him emotionally and his loss to Canadian Ben Johnson in the 100 metres final at the World Championships last August severed

any claim the American might have had to being the world's fastest sprinter.

Lewis struck gold twice in Rome with a solid long jump victory and by anchoring the US 4x100 metres relay team. But it was Johnson's world record of 9.83 seconds in the 100 metres which stole the show.

"Carl just blanched out at the start," Tom Tellez, Lewis' long-time trainer, told Reuters. "He let Ben Johnson dictate the race to his sister Carol earned a trip to Seoul in the women's long jump."

Although Lewis must await the outcome of moves to get more than the scheduled one hour between the second round of the 200 metres and the long jump final on September 26 before announcing his plans, friends say he will run the 200 in Seoul.

His singing career, which has had limited success, has taken second place while Lewis concentrates on both the Olympics and improving his image.

Arrogant

Lewis gave a sample of what he could do at the US Olympic trials where, assisted by a following wind of 5.2 metres a second, he clocked 9.78 seconds for the 100 metres.

The time was not a world record because the wind was well above the permitted maximum of 2.0 metres a second.

But Lewis believes the run was highly significant.

Just as Johnson's world record of 9.83 seconds had shown runners they could dip under the 9.90 barrier, he said, this race demonstrated man could run faster than 9.80 seconds.

A few days later Lewis showed he would be the man to beat in his

favourite event — the long jump — by leaping a wind-assisted 8.59 metres in driving rain. He jumped 8.76 metres, the fifth longest ever, when the rain stopped.

He was not as successful in the 200 metres, losing to training partner Joe Deloach, but promised: "I'll be better when it counts."

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late for a news conference.

At the trials last month, however, Lewis was early for his pre-competition news conference and stayed to answer all the questions. After making the US team in three events, he twice visited the press box to watch as his sister Carol earned a trip to Seoul in the women's long jump.

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Moses holds off Dia Ba for victory

LA CORUNNA, Spain, Aug. 5. (Reuter): Steve Cram had already opted to run only the 800 metres in the trials, hoping his victory in the Oslo 'Dream Mile' this year would gain him the third spot for the 1,500 metres.

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Moses, who will be trying for his third Olympic title in Seoul, was racing for the first time in Europe this year.

The 32-year-old world record holder led from the start to clock 49.22 seconds.

Dia Ba was second in 49.26 with American Nat Page third in 49.51.

Injury

It was the sixth race this season for the Brazilian, who missed most of the 1986 season because of injury and was kept out of last year's World Championships by illness.

In the women's 100 metres, US Olympic champion Evelyn Ashford had an equally easy win in 11.23 seconds.

Asford, who lost her world record for the distance at this month's US Olympic trials, was never seriously challenged and finished more than three tenths of a second ahead of second-placed compatriot Diane Williams.

Leonard returns for chance at fifth title



Leonard (left) talks to Obelmeijas at a press conference. (Reuter wirephoto)

that Hearns would seek his fifth title against World Boxing Association (WBA) super middleweight champion Fulgencio Obelmeijas of Venezuela at the end of October in Las Vegas.

But Leonard said he was not concerned about who was first to win a fifth title.

"It's not a matter of a race," said Leonard, 32. "If he (Hearns) gets it first, fine. If not, fine too. It doesn't matter to me."

"Right now, I'm thinking about one thing, and that's Donny Lalonde."

However, Leonard also said: "This is an opportunity to make history, although I've said in the past that history is not on my agenda."

The contract for the Leonard-Lalonde bout is for late October or early November. Offers to stage the bout have come in from Japan, China, New York City, Atlanta City and Las Vegas, according to Mike Trainer, Leonard's manager.

Leonard has not fought since announcing his third retirement following an upset win over Marvelous Marvin Hagler in April 1987 that brought him the middleweight championship.

Showing

Leonard's second retirement came in 1984 after a weak showing against unknown Kevin Howard in Worcester, Massachusetts.

In that fight Leonard was coming back after surgery to repair a detached retina, which had forced his first retirement in 1982.

Leonard also "retired" even before turning professional, quitting the ring after winning a gold medal at the 1976 Olympics.

Leonard had previously held the welterweight and junior middleweight crowns.

The little-known Lalonde told Leonard he must be crazy to think he could beat a light heavy-



● Two-time Olympic gold medalist Katarina Witt (centre) from East Germany, her coach Jutta Mueller (left) and Skee Goodhart, president of the Holiday on Ice revue having a chat during a news conference in Munich on Thursday. Witt talked about her professional skating career in the West. (Reuter wirephoto)

Italian meet attracts top athletes

SESTRIERE, Italy, Aug. 5. (Reuter): Top sprinter vals Ben Johnson of Canada and Carl Lewis of the United States will both run at a new high-altitude track meeting on August 11, but in different races, organisers said.

World 100 metres record holder Johnson, who is returning to competition this weekend at the Canadian trials after three months out through injury, will take on American Joe Deloach in the 100 metres, while quadruple Olympic champion Lewis will run in the 200 metres.

Johnson, who set the 9.83-second record in the Rome World Championships last September, says he is now fully fit after the muscle injury and running faster than he did last year.

Lewis ran a wind-assisted 9.78

seconds in the 100 metres during the US Olympic trials last month and has clocked 19.99 in the 200 this season.

The complete game was Stewart's fifth straight and 12th of the season, giving him the Major League lead in that category. He was coming off a four-hill, 5-2 victory over the Mariners last weekend. Stewart, who lost four in a row before that win, had never done better than a four-hitter before last night.

The New York Yankees game against the Brewers in Milwaukee was postponed because of rain.

John Dohop allowed four hits over seven innings, and Rex Hudler hit his second major-league home run last night to boost Montreal past the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2.

Results

American League	1
Minnesota	1
Baltimore	1
Detroit	1
Oakland	1
Pit-Nev	1
National League	0
Chicago	4
St. Louis	4
Montreal	3
Pittsburgh	2



● Soviet gymnast Maria Lovach goes through her paces at the Friendship Gymnastics meeting between South Korea and the Soviet Union at Seoul's Olympic gymnastic hall yesterday. This competition is a trial run for the Olympic event. (Reuter wirephoto)

King Gardner hopes to put disappointment behind him

DONINGTON PARK, England, Aug. 5. (Reuter): Australian motorcycling king Wayne Gardner, so furious after the French Grand Prix he dented his petrol tank with his fist, hopes to put "the most disappointing moment of my career" behind him on Sunday.

Gardner cannot afford another disaster in the British Grand Prix here if he is to retain the world 500cc championship.

Leading at the start of the final lap of the French race two weeks ago, Gardner's Honda suffered a broken piston with 800 metres to go.

Gardner's 1986 triumph interrupted the United States' winning sequence.

Gardner shattered the Donington Park lap record in today's first timed practice.

The Australian world champion took an obvious liking to the re-surfaced track to power his Honda around the 4

Pakistan overcome India

GWALIOR, India, Aug. 5. (Reuter): Full back Qazi Mohib struck two goals as Olympic hockey champions Pakistan beat India 2-1 today to win their first game in three matches of a friendly series between the perennial rivals.

The Pakistani victory ended a run of four consecutive defeats by India who took the first two games of the six-match series as a warm-up event for the Seoul Olympics next month.

Pakistan, who now trail 2-1 in the series, has the advantage of playing at home in the last three games of the event.

Mohib silenced the 12,000 Indian crowd in the eighth minute, when he drove a fierce shot into the roof of the net, which took a deflection off a defender's stick.

He then stretched the Pakistani lead in the 42nd minute with an ankle-high shot from a penalty corner.

Comfortable
The Indians had struggled to find the form that gave them comfortable wins in the first two games of the series.

India made two changes up front in the second half, but the move did not pay off until three minutes from the end when centre forward Jagbir Singh pounced on a rebound and pushed the ball home. The next game is scheduled for Lahore on August 7.

India — R.S. Rawat, Pargat Singh, Ashok Kumar, Manayappa Somayya, Vivek Singh, Sujit Kumar (sub M.P. Singh), Kuldeep Kumar (sub Jagbir Singh), Mervyn Fernandes (sub Mohammed Shahid), Balwinder Singh, Jude Felix, Thobha Singh.

Pakistan — Mansoor Ahmad, Nasir Ali, Qazi Mohib, Amar Zafar, Ishaque Khan, Naem Akbar, Qamar Ibrahim, Shahzad Ahmad, Musadique Mohammad, Zahid Sharif, Khalid Hamid (sub Tariq Sheikh).

Brazil end European tour on winning note

VIENNA, Aug. 5. (UPI): Brazil's Olympic team, spearheaded by second-half goals from Edmar and Andrade, concluded their current tour of Europe on Wednesday with a comfortable 2-0 victory over Austria. The South Americans, favoured to do well in Seoul, have not been defeated for 10 consecutive matches.

While the stoic Austrians, fresh from a 4-0 victory over neighbouring Hungary in its last international on May 17 entered the match optimistically, they were no match for the Brazilian brand of magic, grace and speed.

The determined Austrians held a tenuous control over the match for the first 20 minutes. Ogris penetrated the Brazilian defence in the fifth minute, slinging the ball just wide of the net. Zsak's attempt in the 15th ended firmly in Brazilian goalie Taffarel's arms.

But it was the Brazilians who had the best scoring chance of the first half when Nelsinho slipped through the Austrians only to see his shot deflect off the right hand post.

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narrowly missed a century for Leicestershire against Kent at

ENGLAND LOSE THREE SECOND INNINGS WICKETS

Benjamin puts W. Indies back in the game

LONDON, Aug. 5. (Reuter): Two wickets in five balls by Winston Benjamin rocked England after Neil Foster had bowled them into a potentially match-winning position on the second day of the fifth and final Test against West Indies at the Oval today.

Paceman Foster had bowled superbly to dismiss the top five batsmen at a personal cost of 64 runs as West Indies were shot out for 183 in their first innings in reply to England's 205.

Then, for the first time in the series in which they are already 3-0 down, England's batsmen looked totally comfortable against West Indies' pace attack as openers Graham Gooch and Tim Curtis raced to a half-century partnership.

Rapid
But after a day in which they had been in complete command, England lost three wickets in rapid succession in the final 45 minutes to be 64 for three at the lead of 86.

Curtis and Bailey, whose half century partnership came in 25 overs, seemed to be dominating when Benjamin produced a ball of near-yorker length which Curtis played slightly across and was given out caught behind.

Smith, an instinctively attacking batsman, pulled his first delivery for four and also produced one or two rasping square cuts, while Bailey drove fluently on the off-side and played well off his legs.

Scoreboard

SRI LANKA hold Minor Counties

SLEAFORD, England, Aug. 5. (Reuter): Minor Counties captain Steve Plumb lashed 103 from only 112 deliveries to bring his team close to a surprise win over Sri Lanka in their two-day cricket match which ended today.

The left-handed opener twice survived difficult chances to David Thomas at third slip during a three-hour innings containing 14 fours, while Brendon Kuruppu scored a fluent 52 and Dulake Mendis struck an unbeaten 44 in 69 balls.

Scoreboard

MINOR COUNTIES first innings

(overnight 184 for five)

C. Stockdale c Mendis b Ahangama 29

S. Plumb c Silva b Samarakkera 59

N. Folland bw b Amarasri 25

S. Henderson bw b Tilkeratne 31

M. Feli c Rajadurai b Amarasri 29

M. Gantham not out 6

Extras (b-1 lb-2 w-1 nb-7) 11

Total (for five wickets, declared) 184

Fall of wickets: 1-44 2-118 3-118 4-169 5-184.

Did not bat: D. Thomas, D. Blank,

R. Evans, D. Hale, J. O'Brien 13

A. Silva st Gantham b Evans 76

D. Mendis not out 52

A. Ramadas c Henderson b Evans 3

H. Tilkeratne not out 8

Extras (b-3 lb-2 w-1 nb-1) 28

Total (for four wickets, declared) 224

Fall of wickets: 1-29 2-133 3-174 4-191.

Bowling: Hale 6-0-33-0, Blank 19-

6-44-0, Evans 18-2-45-2, Thomas 5-2-

38. A. Silva bw Evans 53

H. Tilkeratne bw Evans 28

A. Samarakkera st Gantham b

Blank 38. Result: Match drawn.

Border holds Essex together

LONDON, Aug. 5. (Reuter): Australian captain Allan Border hit an unbeaten 110 yesterday to hold the Essex first innings together on the second day of their three-day English Championship cricket match against Northamptonshire.

Border struck 15 boundaries in his five-hour innings which was largely responsible for Essex reaching 238.

At the close Northamptonshire had slumped to 60 for five in their second innings, a lead of 105, with former England all-rounder Geoff Miller capturing three for 23 from 12 overs of off-spin.

England reject David Gower

narrowly missed a century for Leicestershire against Kent at

Canterbury, scoring 90 from 169 balls with 15 fours.

Leicestershire were eventually dismissed for 247 in their first innings, 80 behind.

Scores

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 283 in 94.4 overs and 60 for five. Essex 238 in 87.3 overs (A. Border 110 not out, N. Hussain 45, M. Robinson three for 34).

At Canterbury: Kent 327 in 115.4 overs (A. Agnew seven for 61).

Leicestershire 247 in 99.4 overs (D. Gower 90, C. Penn five for 68).

At Weston-Super-Mare: Surrey 148 in 70.1 overs and 119 (V. Marks five for 41, N. Maller three for 18). Somerset 159 in 61.1 overs (K. Medleycott five for 62).

Prost fastest in Hungarian GP practice

BUDAPEST, Aug. 5. (Reuter): Frenchman Alain Prost resisted an impressive challenge by normally-aspirated contenders to grab provisional pole position late in today's opening qualifying session for Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix motor race.

The world championship

leader, three points ahead of McLaren teammate Ayrton Senna of Brazil in the drivers' title race, had been out of contention during most of the session until the closing seconds.

Rain

Then he made up for time lost waiting for the track to dry after heavy rain in the morning with a best lap of one minute 29.589 seconds.

This was two-tenths of a second quicker than Italian Alessandro Nannini in a Benetton, the only other driver to lap below the one minute 30-second barrier.

British Nigel Mansell in a Williams was third quickest, ahead of his teammate, Italian Riccardo Patrese. But both were frustrated at the finish as they had led the normally-aspirated challenge and frequently topped the timings before Prost intervened.

Senna, in the only other turbo-powered car in the top six, was

fifth quickest with Belgian Thierry Boutsen sixth in the second normally-aspirated Benetton.

The Ferraris of Austrian Gerhard Berger and Italian Michele Alboreto were seventh and eighth in the session, but world champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil was unable to improve on 22nd position on the provisional grid in his Lotus despite driving

19 laps — five more than Prost and four more than Nannini.

Nannini's time, like Prost's was also recorded in the final minute of an eventful session which saw the turbo-powered cars frequently outpaced on the long, slow and twisting Hungaroring circuit 20 kilometres north of Budapest.

After the heavy rain, the nimble Williams and Benetton cars



Foster: five for 54

The third-wicket pair had put on 39 and guided England to 162 for two when Bailey, perhaps feeling rather tired after nearly three and a half hours in the Test arena for the first time, suffered a lapse of concentration.

Currie Ambrose, who had

used the short ball liberally, tried one with the penultimate delivery before tea and Bailey, pushing forward without conviction edged it and was snapped up by Dujon.

Matthew Maynard's first Test

innings of three runs ended with a

poor stroke against Ambrose.

He aimed an off-side force but

without moving his feet

properly, edged the ball and

Dujon made the catch at the

second attempt.

Smith and David Capel held

firm in a fifth wicket stand of 39

until Harper was recalled and

captured two wickets in rapid

succession.

Capel pushed forward at a ball

that went on with the arm and

Marshall held a low catch at first

slip, while wicketkeeper Jack

Richards failed to smother a

delivery properly and fell to a

bat-pad catch by Logie at short

leg.

With only five runs added,

Marshall struck his first blow

when Pringle played at a ball

outside off stump that he could

have left and was caught behind

England at that point had

descended from 160 for four to 165

for seven.

Philip Freitas adopted his

natural attacking approach, hitting

18 in a stand of 31 with

Smith, before being caught by

Desmond Haynes at silly mid-

off.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings

G. Logie Logie b Harper 0

D. Pringle D. Pringle b Marshall 1

P. DeFreitas c Haynes b Harper 18

N. Foster c sub b Marshall 7

J. Childs not out 0

Extras (lb-6 ab-15) 21

Total (all out) 165

Fall of wickets: 1-12 2-77 3-116 4-

121 5-160 6-169 7-165 8-196 9-198

Bowling: Marshall 24-3-64-3,

Ambrose 20-6-31-3, Walsh 10-1-21-4,

Benjamin 14-2-33-1, Harper 21-7-50-

3, Hooper 1-1-0-1.

WEST INDIES first innings

G. Greno Greno c DeFreitas b Foster 19

D. Haynes c Richards b Foster 2

J. Hooper c Gooch b Foster 11

V. Richards c Curtis b Foster 0

G. Logie c Gooch b Foster 47